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## Lallana on course to start England's World Cup group clash with Italy

**ADAM Lallana today stands on the verge of becoming the first Saints player for nearly 30 years to start for England in a World Cup.**

The Saints skipper is hoping to get the nod from Roy Hodgson to become part of history when England start their campaign against Italy in Brazil late tonight. Lallana, who has been with Saints since he was 12-years-old, is aiming to follow in the footsteps of England's most capped player of all time, Peter Shilton, and start a World Cup match for the Three Lions while with the club.

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# WORLD CUP BRAZIL 2014

# CURSED WITH HOPE

## England can do it... heard that before?

BEAUTIFUL SOUTH
BY DAREN WHEELER

**THERE is nothing quite like the World Cup, nothing in the world.**

Nothing quite beats the celebration of different cultures, mixed with the passion and intoxication of the world's greatest sports tournament.

It's widely assumed that England don't stand a snowball's chance in hell of winning the tournament.

But...

I have a strong feeling of hope this time around.

It stems from the fact that we have a manager that not many people actually wanted in the first place.

The media was going Redknapp crazy, nobody really wanted a former Fulham/Switzerland manager.

Hodgson has nothing to lose.

The selection of people like Shaw, Lallana and Lambert would never have happened under people like Capello or Eriksson, managers who seemed either blinded by the glamour of the top five clubs or unable to ignore the media's clamour for the usual suspects to start every game.

Add to that the likes of Sterling, Barkley and Oxlade-Chamberlain and you have genuine pace, hunger and desire... and, ask yourself, when was the last time you could say that about any England side in recent memory?

So where do the Saints boys fit in?

In Luke Shaw you have the future.

This tournament might be a bit too soon for him, but what a weapon to keep in reserve.

Adam Lallana: There's very little more I can write about this lad.

Lallana represents everything England have lacked on the pitch over the years... style.

Adam Lallana has consistently shown what he can do. In League One, the Championship and the Premier League, he has produced the goods.

He and Barkley have that ability to turn a game through a drop of the shoulder or a little shimmy, and it's that unpredictability that England haven't had since the days of Paul Gascoigne. Lallana really could be a game changer for England.

But it's Rickie Lambert I'll be watching with the greatest interest.

He may not be a Saints player anymore, and whilst I certainly don't subscribe the Cinderella nonsense the media are peddling about him, it really would be the perfect end to his story if he scores in Brazil.

No doubt England will show flashes of their potential, win a few games, look like world beaters only to screw up in the quarter-finals and go out to either a controversial goal or a penalty shootout.

I'm doubly cursed to be both from Southampton and English.

Forever destined to support a side that looks like they will deliver, but ultimately falter just when you think glory is on the cards. Southampton and England... It's the hope that kills you.

**ENGLAND HERO:** Adam Lallana in training in Brazil earlier this week.

## Lallana to make history?

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Shilton was the last serving Saints player to achieve the feat back in 1986.

Luke Shaw will also be hoping to play a part but is likely to find himself as understudy to Leighton Baines.

Lallana though has every chance of being named in Hodgon's team after a brilliant campaign with Saints and starring roles in recent England friendlies.

He is seen as a versatile attacking player who could well fit perfectly into Hodgson's preferred system.

It is likely to be a tough night for England though, with Italy providing a tricky opening test.

On top of that England have had to be given assurances about the state of the dry pitch in Manaus.

England striker Wayne Rooney is not fazed about it though.

"We're not sure, but I think at the end of the day it's the same for ourselves and Italy so we'll both have to deal with that," he said.

His words were echoed by England goalkeeper Joe Hart, who said: "We've both got to play on it, whatever it is. I think they've worked day and night over here to make it the best it can be.

"We've got to appreciate we're playing in the jungle, so we'll take anything."

England and Italy held hour-long training sessions on the pitch last night.

England were greeted by temperatures of 33 degrees when they touched down in Manaus on Thursday. All the squad travelled to the jungle city, which is located around 1,000 miles up the Amazon.

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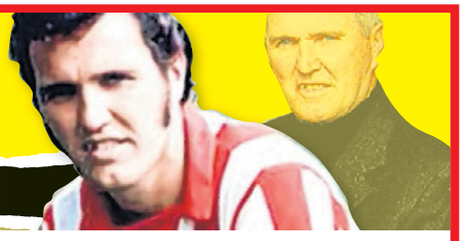
# Paine's World

The Saints legend's EXCLUSIVE column on all things football



# ROY'S SHOCK VALUE

GIVING YOUTH A CHANCE: Roy Hodgson with teenager Raheem Sterling in Brazil.

**THE prevailing mood among the England national team is one of pragmatism.**

No more does the notorious English press give outlandish predictions of their so-called "Golden Generation" that put a rod on the back of the squads of Sven Goran Eriksson in 2002 and 2006.

No longer is scornful disdain given to England's opponents, like in 2010, when fans thought Algeria, Slovenia and the United States would be an easy pushover.

Much to their horror, they soon realised it wouldn't be plain sailing, before being traumatically torn to shreds at the hands of the Germans in Bloemfontein.

The dark days of old, when, under Eriksson and Fabio Capello, England played like men beset by nerves, has seemed to dissipate under Roy Hodgson.

Under the wily veteran, the sense of realism and pragmatism is the order of the day.

In Euro 2012, when Hodgson had to hastily assemble a squad after only being in the job a few months, their expectations were not high, yet they managed to respectably reach the quarter-finals before losing in a penalty shoot-out against the Italians.

In qualifying, despite certain hiccups, the players responded well to Hodgson's ability to accentuate the positives and limit their weakness by qualifying for the World Cup.

By looking at the 23-man squad Hodgson has picked to go to Brazil, it shows the manager's realism.

To improve the state of England's fortunes, he must blood promising youngsters in the experience of international football by giving them a chance on the highest stage.

Only there can a player be tested and see whether they can withstand the rigours of playing in a World Cup.

To see Hodgson entrust youth in his squad is a heartening sight and shows he is willing to reward players who have performed well for their clubs this season in the Premier League – something that certain England managers have been criticised for not doing in the past.

But, by including youth and talented-yet-inexperienced players, it means Hodgson has had to cast out most of the old guard – the remnants of the England side, which promised so much in the 2000s, but never managed to go past the quarter-finals of a World Cup.

Among the "Golden Generation", which participated in the 2006 & 2010 World Cups, many have felt the axe.

Centre-back pairing Rio Ferdinand and John Terry no longer fill the anchor of the back four, while Ashley Cole's omission from the 23-man squad that will go to Brazil has led to the Chelsea full-back's retirement from international football, after declining to be on the standby list.

Within the midfield, Michael Carrick has paid the price of a poor season at Manchester United by merely being on the reserve list, while, up front, Jermain Defoe's decision to move to Major League Soccer with Toronto proved a blow to his World Cup hopes.

Though he has cut a considerable part of the squad who played in the last World Cup, Hodgson has made sure to instil some of the veterans, so as to placate the youth and inexperience in the squad.

Captain Steven Gerrard's place was assured no matter what, but Frank Lampard has made the cut despite not enjoying a great season with Chelsea.

Up front, Wayne Rooney leads the line, with Daniel Sturridge likely to be his strike partner, or second choice if Hodgson decides to play with one up front.

The Liverpool ace cemented that title ahead of Danny Welbeck, after his 21 goals in the Premier League proved he has moved on from his troubled past.

He has Brendan Rodgers to thank for putting his faith in him.

Making up the posse of strikers is 32-year-old Rickie Lambert, whose meteoric rise from League Two to the Premier League is now completed by heading to Brazil with the England squad.

Though his goal tally is less than last season's impressive haul, his tall, physical presence offers something different.

He can also be mobile if needs be, and his free kick abilities are impressive too.

It is a tough task England face in the form of their group opponents, Italy, Uruguay and Costa Rica, and some feel England will fall at the first hurdle.

But Roy is building a team for the future, with Euro 2016 and the next World Cup in mind.

Ten members of the squad are under the age of 25, with less than half of the squad having been part of the Euro 2012 campaign in Poland and Ukraine.

This is an England team looking to the future, and a quarter-final finish this summer would be seen as a good achievement.

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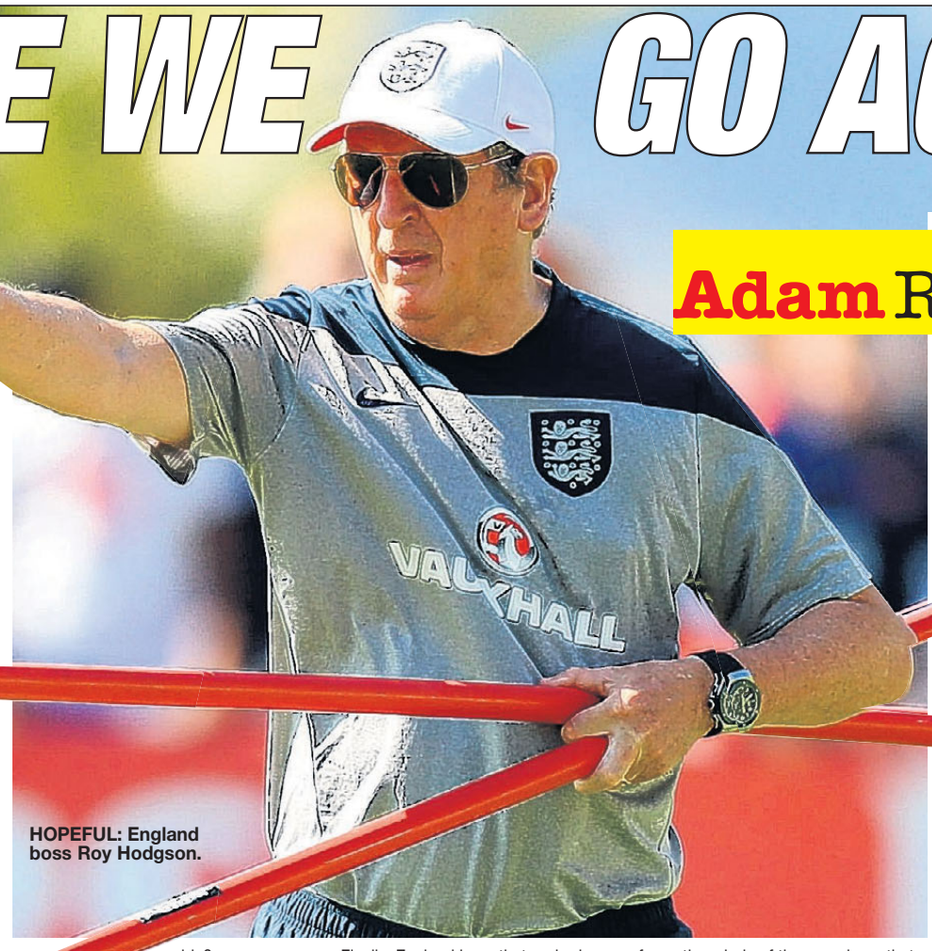


HOPEFUL: England boss Roy Hodgson.

## Adam Rant

**IT'S that time once again.**

A nation expects.

Only we don't expect very much at all this time.

England begin their World Cup campaign against Italy amongst a rather odd atmosphere.

Maybe it's just because the tournament is so far away from home, but there doesn't seem to be the same hoopla you normally get before the big kick off.

Indeed only the media, who are out there with the team and therefore really caught up in it all, seemed genuinely excited by the England camp.

The more likely explanation for the somewhat flat build-up is that for the first time in a long time nobody in England expects the team to do very well.

It's a long- standing joke that England fans spend two years between every major tournament accepting their team are not going to win a big trophy, but then get caught up in all the hype in the weeks immediately before and expect the side to win the competition come final day.

It then carries on that, of course, the hopes of a nation are crushed once again by a dodgy ref, a cheating opponent, a horrible error or a missed penalty.

Not this time though.

Not for Brazil 2014.

There is an altogether more reserved feeling amongst the general public.

Of course there is hope, but there is little expectation.

In fact, so low is the expectation factor that most people you speak to would just be happy to see the side get out of the group they are in, let alone have any thoughts of going significantly further.

So the big question is whether this will help Roy Hodgson's England side?

There has always been the rather pathetic excuse that the pressure of the nation was just too much for our poor little lads, that the public's expectation was unrealistic and weighed so heavily on the unfortunate blighters wearing the Three Lions that they couldn't possibly perform at their peak.

That has always been utter garbage.

Now that excuse is out the window because a nation expects early elimination.

Finally, England have that underdog mentality that the nation seems to so thrive on.

It is something Hodgson would be wise to tap into.

How many clubs do you see have remarkable domestic cup runs because they are able to channel that underdog mentality into a real scrapping way of thinking?

They are up for the challenge, they fight for every ball, they are determined to prove people wrong.

England would do well to try and focus the minds of the squads on that sort of steely minded grit.

The main problem though is that the nation expects so little because the squad is not truly world class.

It has world class players in it, but as an entirety, when you compare it to the likes of Brazil and Spain, Argentina and Germany, and the list goes on, it looks a little thin.

While there is talent there, undoubtedly, it is much less than the previous generation or so who seemed to have the world at their feet but never delivered on their collective potential.

It's going to take a remarkable turn of events for England to stand a chance of winning this World Cup no matter what Hodgson does.

The bottom line is that they don't just look quite good enough when you compare them to the other major footballing nations.

For Adam Rant's money, Hodgson has done the right things.

He has picked the correct squad and he is astute enough at international level to send out a team tactically prepared to win games.

The question then will be whether they are actually good enough.

He would be best advised to throw a certain amount of caution to the wind.

One positive of this current squad is the talented young attacking players contained within it.

They are not scarred with previous failures and are at that stage of their careers where they have no fear.

Unleash them, risk conceding an extra goal or two, and see how far you can get.

With experienced anchors like Steven Gerrard in the team, it is worth the risk.

Cagey and tight will only deliver the results everybody expects.

If England are to go down, at least go down in a bit of style, fighting, channelling that underdog mentality, and throwing the kitchen sink at your opponents.

Maybe, just maybe, against all expectations they will deliver a surprise and produce the kind of results we normally expect but in modern times never get.

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# Pride quickly turns to anger for Saints fans

**WHAT a strange old World Cup this is for Saints fans.**

All that bristling pride at so many call-ups has been somewhat tempered by the realisation that most of those involved want to leave the club this summer.

Of the England trio, Rickie Lambert has already gone while Adam Lallana and Luke Shaw, the subject of bids from Liverpool and Manchester United respectively, have told Saints they want to go this summer.

Dejan Lovren got the nod for Croatia but has now handed in a formal transfer request.

Morgan Schneiderlin got in the France squad but is heavily linked with a move.

Maya Yoshida and Gaston Ramirez are the only Saints out in Brail not expected to exit St Mary's this summer, but you never say never.

Overall, it just goes to show what a rotten lot football fans have got.

To an extent, Adam Rant struggles for too much sympathy, because their passion and romanticism leaves many of them spell bound and blinkered as to the realities of the modern day footballing world.

Players kiss the badge, say all the right things, but ultimately are in it for themselves, in the same way the vast majority of us are with our careers.

They are only humans who suffer from the same weaknesses we all do, and yet they are expected to be so different when it comes to their careers.

The bottom line is blunt – only football fans truly care about their clubs.

They are the ones who are always there when players, managers, chairmen come in, and they are the ones left when they all inevitably leave, often under a cloud.

***To believe that loyalty exists in football outside of supporters in this day and age is madness.***

How often do people need to experience these feelings to get the message?

So many people have claimed some sort of media conspiracy related to Saints, but look at the bare facts.

Mauricio Pochettino was here for less than a year and a half – he was praised by Saints fans, defended to the hilt, and left at the first opportunity of something better.

Lambert has been a great servant to the club and often spoke about retiring at Saints, but a dream move comes up and he is off.

Lovren has spent just one single season at Saints, done well, and at the first hint of a move elsewhere has submitted a transfer request.

Shaw has benefited immeasurably from the investment into him from the Saints academy, but wants to go at the age of just 18.

Lallana is the Saints captain and stalwart and, though in his case nobody would begrudge him a move after years of service, he is also looking to move on.

As for the rest of the squad, we wait to see what happens.

This is no conspiracy.

This is reality.

In the Premier League, it is all about money.

Saints don't have the significant amount of cash required to improve upon the squad they had last season and make a realistic top four tilt.

And so, while their stock is at a high, those involved are trying to get their big moves to clubs that offer them the chance of climbing the ladder and a massive pay packet to boot.

It's not pretty, but it's the natural order of football.

In the same way that Saints fans assumed it perfectly normal that Lambert should have wanted to leave Bristol Rovers for Saints when they were both in League One, because he was going to a bigger club, so should these guys want to move to Liverpool, United or similar.

It's the natural order and, in this day and age, there is not a Matt Le Tissier who breaks the mould.

Indeed, with the kind of money involved these days, it would be interesting to see whether Le Tissier, if he were playing now, would stay.

Certainly Lallana is the most obvious comparison and he might well go.

Saints fans should take the approach to love their team, care about the club and its place in the community, but not get too attached to any one individual.

With the greatest of respect, many of the foreign players in particular these days are simply footballers of the world, happy to move from one club to the next whenever the mood suits them.

They are guns for hire.

Lovren has proven that, though Adam Rant would point out that by handing in a transfer request he does write off a substantial amount of cash he would be owed by Saints if otherwise sold, something which the club will have to pay to those who force moves but refuse to go down that line.

It's the way it is.

It doesn't mean football still can't be fun and enjoyable.

But a certain amount of realism is needed if you aren't to get horribly disillusioned.

**GOING:** Dejan Lovren in action against Brazil.

**GONE:** Liverpool striker Rickie Lambert.

## New boss can lift the gloom

**FOR all the negativity surrounding the current plight of Saints at the moment, we should all be prepared for some upbeat news.**

**The club are close to appointing a new manager and things will look decidedly better once that happens.**

**Since the end of the season, when it was obvious Mauricio Pochettino was plotting a way out, Saints have felt a little rudderless.**

**A lot of the situations with the star players have developed because of that power vacuum.**

**Directors and the like can do what they want, but ultimately players play for the manager and they behave the way the manager demands.**

**When that force is taking a back seat, as Pochettino has, it leaves things floundering a little and we have seen the consequences.**

**A new manager, as long as the appointment is not desperately underwhelming, will at least give the club a feeling of direction.**

**To be totally realistic, the new manager is going to struggle to hold onto those players who want to go.**

**But what he can do is plan for the future.**

**With Les Reed guaranteeing all money from sales will be reinvested into the squad, the departures of Rickie Lambert, Luke Shaw, Adam Lallana and Dejan Lovren could give a new manager in the region of £70m to spend on rebuilding the side.**

**That sounds far more exciting than the recent doom and gloom.**

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# SAINTS SHINE AT

**THERE are a record-breaking six players from Saints appearing at the current World Cup.**

They are England pair Adam Lallana and Luke Shaw, Croatia's Dejan Lovren, Japan's Maya Yoshida, Uruguay's Gaston Ramirez and Morgan Schneiderlin of France.

That compares with just eight Saints at the previous 19 World Cups put together.

Had Rickie Lambert not been sold to Liverpool just prior to the tournament, Saints would have had seven players in Brazil.

They might even have had eight had Jay Rodriguez not suffered a serious knee injury back in early April.

And it could have been nine had Italy not snubbed Dani Osvaldo.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks back at those eight Saints and how they got on in the World Cup.

## Terry Paine

England - 1966 World Cup
Total Caps: 19
Caps while at Saints: 19
England debut: 1963.

The Winchester-born winger scored a hat-trick against Northern Ireland at Wembley a few months after his international debut in 1963.

He played in England's second game of their victorious 1966 World Cup finals campaign, a 2-0 Wembley victory over Mexico.

Paine was one of four England players to play for England in the tournament without playing in the final itself, the others being Jimmy Greaves, John Connelly and Ian Callaghan.

In the 1966 World Cup final only the 11 players on the pitch at the end of the 4–2 win over West Germany received medals.

Following a FA-led campaign to persuade FIFA to award medals to all the winners' squad members, Paine was presented with his medal by then Prime Minister Gordon Brown at a ceremony at 10 Downing Street in June 2009.

Paine auctioned off the medal a few years later.

## Peter Shilton

England - 1986 World Cup
Total Caps: 125
Caps while at Saints: 49
England debut: v East Germany, 1970.

Moved to Saints from Nottingham Forest in 1982 and went on to make 242 appearances.

Nobody has been capped more times than Shilton as a Saints player, winning almost a half century of caps during his five-year spell at The Dell.

Shilton, his country's record appearance maker with 125 caps, appeared for England in three World Cups – 1982, 1986 and 1990.

He holds the record for the most appearances by any England player in the finals – 17.

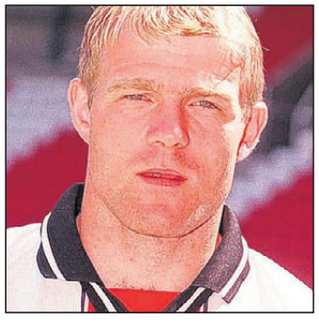
He is best remembered for being in goal when Diego Maradona produced his 'Hand of God' during England's 1986 quarter final against Argentina in Mexico.

Shilton retired from international football after Italia 90.

## Kevin Keegan

England - 1982 World Cup
Total Caps: 63
England debut: 1972.

With England having failed to qualify for the 1974 and 1978 World Cups, Keegan's playing time in the finals was limited to just 26 minutes in th 1982 tournament in Spain.



**GOAL:** Agustin Delgado scores against Mexico. Egil Ostenstad, above.

Injured beforehand, Keegan came on as a second half sub against Spain as Ron Greenwood's England chased the goal that would send them through to the quarter finals.

He famously headed a Trevor Brooking cross wide as England crashed out following a 0-0 draw.

## Wayne Bridge

England – 2002 World Cup
Caps: 36
Caps while at Saints: 11 (1998-2003)

The left-back was at Saints when he was selected for the England squad for the Japan and South Korea World Cup in 2002.

Bridge was a late arrival as Sven-Goran Eriksson

# A quick start is crucial

THE first match of a World Cup can be a pertinent measure of a side's prospects for the rest of the tournament.

Start brightly and, as morale and belief grow, teams tend to perform well.

Lose, and their World Cup could be over as quickly as it began.

In England's case, their first World Cup match against Italy tonight is of vital importance.

A loss and they could find themselves fighting for their lives in a tough group which also features Uruguay and Costa Rica.

So will the Three Lions be quick off the mark in Brazil, or slow starters?

Here, the *Sports Pink* takes a look at their last five opening World Cup matches.

**England 1 USA 1 (2010)**

After suffering the ignominy of a loss to an amateur USA side back in 1950, England were keen not to lose to the States again.

**FLASHBACK:** Sol Campbell opens the scoring against Sweden in 2002.

Captain Steven Gerrard put them on the right path in Rustenburg, scoring the opening goal after only four minutes.

But still to come was a terrible mistake from goalkeeper Robert Green, who allowed Clint Dempsey's speculative effort to slip through his fingers.

What should have been a routine stop turned into a moment of pure embarrassment, and one that will live long in the memories of England fans - and in Green's nightmares.

England would next play out an insipid goalless draw with Algeria before snatching a 1-0 win against Slovenia to qualify for the next round.

**England 1 Paraguay 0 (2006)**

England bagged three points from their opening game of the 2006 World Cup in Germany, but it was hardly the most convincing of results.

A third-minute own-goal from Paraguay captain Carlos Gamarra earned the Three Lions their first of two group wins.

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# THE TOP TABLE ...

MOBBED: Anders Svensson celebrates his free kick against Argentina.

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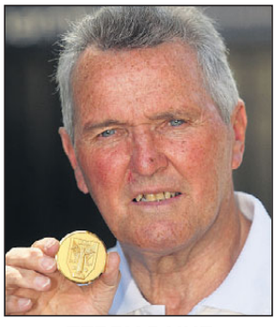
PETER SHILTON



TERRY PAINE

worked out who would be best suited to England's left-back role.

The Saints youngster took advantage of an injury to Ashley Cole to make his debut against Holland in February 2002.

Bridge played the first 48 minutes before being replaced by Charlton's Chris Powell.

Bridge then impressed in warm-up matches against Italy and Paraguay ahead of the World Cup.

During the tournament, the then 21-year-old was kept out the England team by Ashley Cole.

That is something that would continue throughout his career, both internationally and domestically when he moved to Chelsea in July 2003.

Bridge did make two appearances at the competition.

The first was as an 80th minute sub against Argentina. He was then brought on as a substitute with five minutes to play in the tepid 0-0 with Nigeria.

## Egil Ostenstad

Norway – 1998 World Cup
Caps: 18

Never a regular for his country, he came on as a 71st minute substitute in the 1-1 draw against Scotland, which was his only appearance at the World Cup finals.

Norway progressed through the group stages, beating Brazil 2-1 en route, before losing 1-0 thanks to a goal by Italy's Christian Vieri.

## Anders Svensson

Sweden – 2002 World Cup
Caps 148 (a nation record)

It's Argentina v Sweden at the World Cup in 2002.

Thirty yards from goal, Sweden have a free-kick.

Henrik Larsson and Anders Svensson stand over the ball.

Larsson makes a dummy run and the Saints midfielder belts a stunning effort past the outstretched arm of Pablo Cavallero, effectively ending Argentina's hopes of qualifying from Group F.

Sweden top the group and England finish second.

Svensson had signed for Saints in 2001 for £700,000 from Elfsborg, the club he's still playing for now in his homeland, and was already an established international.

He played all four games Sweden were involved in at the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea.

After the euphoria of the group, they were brought back down to earth, losing to Senegal in the last 16 thanks to an extra-time goal.

Larsson's early goal was cancelled out by a brace by Henri Camara, who later joined Saints on loan in 2004/05.

## Agustin Delgado

Ecuador – 2002 World Cup
Caps: 71 (31 goals)

Delgado scored nine times to help his national team qualify for the World Cup.

He was far, far less prolific for Saints, however. The striker scored just two goals for Saints in an injury and controversy-plagued spell.

Ahead of the 2002 World Cup, Delgado struggled to shake off his knee problems that dogged his early Saints days.

Unbeknown to the club, he returned to his homeland for further surgery in an attempt to get fit for the tournament. He played all three games for Ecuador, scoring against Croatia and Italy.

In all, Delgado played just 15 times for Saints, scoring against Arsenal in the league and Liverpool in the League Cup. During the length of his Saints carert, between November 2001 and June 2004, Delgado scored four goals in nine appearances for his country.

## Cleber Chala

Ecuador – 2002 World Cup
Total Caps: 86

Still a Saints player at the time, Chala, who was loaned out after a poor start to life at St Mary's following his £1m move in November 2001, played in all three of Ecuador's matches 12 years ago.

He didn't return to Saints after the World Cup and went home to continue his career, retiring in 2008.

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England went on to top the pool thanks to a 2-0 victory over Trinidad and Tobago and a 2-2 draw with Sweden.

**England 1 Sweden 1 (2002)**

Sven-Goran Eriksson's side made an unconvincing start to the tournament in Japan and South Korea as they drew 1-1 with eventual group winners Sweden. Sol Campbell's first-half header was cancelled out by a long-range effort from Niclas Alexandersson.

A narrow 1-0 win over Argentina and a goalless draw with Nigeria would be enough to see them squeeze through the group stage at the expense of the South Americans.

**LEVELLER:** Sweden's Niclas Alexandersson (second left) celebrates his equaliser against England in the 2002 World Cup opener.

**England 2 Tunisia 0 (1998)**

After failing to qualify for the 1994 World Cup in the USA, England settled back into World Cup life well by defeating Tunisia 2-0 in France.

Lining up in an unfamiliar 5-3-2 formation, they beat the Africans thanks to a headed goal from Alan Shearer and a scorcher from Paul Scholes from the edge of the box.

However, they did not finish top of the pool - an accolade that went to Romania, who remained unbeaten throughout the group stage.

**England 1**
**Republic of Ireland 1 (1990)**

England began what would turn out to be a memorable cup run with a 1-1 draw against the Republic of Ireland. Kevin Sheedy levelled for the Irish after Gary Lineker had put the Three Lions in front.

England's 1-0 win over Egypt – their only win in the group – would be enough to see them top the pool ahead of Ireland and Holland.

Ex-Saint Mark Wright scored England's winner against Egypt.

**WORLD CUP GOAL:** Mark Wright headed the only goal against Egypt.

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# WORLD CUP BRAZIL 2014

## The best test for a manager

EIGHT former Saints managers have played in a World Cup finals tournament.

They are: Alan Ball, Graeme Souness, Glenn Hoddle, Gordon Strachan, Paul Sturrock, George Burley, Jan Poortvliet and Mauricio Pochettino.

**Alan Ball:** Then 21, Ball was England's youngest World Cup winner in 1966.

He started four games in that memorable campaign, and four more in Mexico 1970 when England's grip on the trophy was loosened.

**Graeme Souness:** The man who won 54 caps for his country played in three World Cups for Scotland.

The first came in 1978 when Ally McLeod's men infamously lost to

**GREATEST DAY:** Alan Ball, left, with Bobby Charlton and Bobby Moore.

Peru and could only manage a draw with minnows Iran.

The 1982 World Cup saw Souness score in Scotland's 2-2 draw with the Soviet Union.

Souness played in his country's defeats against Denmark and West Germany in Mexico in 1986.

**Glenn Hoddle:** Played in two World Cups en route to winning 53 caps for England.

The Tottenham talisman started two games in the 1982 World Cup in Spain and was an ever present in Mexico four years later.

Hoddle started all three group games against Portugal (0-1), Morocco (0-0) and Poland (3-0) before Bobby Robson's men beat Paraguay (3-0) in the last 16 then infamously losing to Argentina.

**Gordon Strachan:** The current Scotland boss played for his country in the 1982 and 1986 World Cups.

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# ENGLAND THRIVE

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**IT was the perfect night to warm up for the World Cup.**

Last Sunday, on ITV, two programmes on back to back, taking you past midnight and into this week.

This week.

The week when the waiting game was over.

The week when the time for talking is over.

The week when the time to start doing the business on the pitch has arrived.

The 20th football World Cup.

*'England's top 19 football legends'* was quickly followed a few adverts later by *'England's top 53 goals'*.

This was no stroll down a black and white television road, though.

There was no Pathe news type footage from England's first ever World Cup adventure in 1950.

No film of some people on the pitch at Wembley one glorious day in July 1966.

Instead, these were programmes featuring players from the last 30 years.

Hardly a golden age for English international football teams, but still worth watching anyway in a bid to whet the appetite for the South American jamboree.

Why 53 goals were chosen rather than any other number was never explained, but it brought the memories flooding back.

In this country, arguments about club v country have been ongoing for as long as I can remember.

And I'm not talking about the players here.

No, I mean the fans.

Obviously, there are thousands of supporters who love watching their club AND their country.

But I know others who are mad keen on football who don't possess anything like the same feelings for England as they do for their clubs.

Here's a question for Saints supporters.

As a fan, would you prefer your club to win the Premier League or England to win the World Cup?

Has that got you thinking, or is it the proverbial no brainer?

I'm an Exeter City fan and I'd prefer my club to reach the Premier League, let alone win it, rather than England to win the World Cup.

I guess it's all a matter of which club you follow and what their chances of ever winning the top flight title are.

For me, I'm happy enough to watch fairly meaningless England friendlies if they're on BBC or ITV, but I won't lose sleep if I miss them.

And a fair proportion of England's World Cup and Euro Championship games of the past 30 years have virtually sent me into the land of nod.

Algeria in the last World Cup, anyone?

Was that possibly the dreariest England World Cup finals tie of

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# ON NEAR MISSES

## Moments of real glory are sweet to savour

ONE OF THE GREATEST ENGLAND GOALS: David Platt wheels away after his last minute stunner against Belgium in the 1990 World Cup.

all time?

So friendlies don't float my boat, and to be honest I would never pay to go and watch a competitive England international.

But I still get excited about the World Cup.

I'm 45, but decades of failure – some impressive failures, admittedly – have not extinguished my enthusiasm for watching England in the greatest international competition of them all.

Forty eight years of hurt, never stopped me dreaming.

Anyway, back to the goals.

There were some pretty fine strikes in the first 43 goals screened.

Ex-Saint Jamie Redknapp lashed in a stunner against Belgium, while it was hard not to get misty-eyed reliving Michael Owen's hat-trick in Germany in September 2001.

There was also that rare gem – an Emile Heskey goal – to appreciate (though in fairness had it not come in the same 5-1 win in Germany as Owen's treble it would probably not have made the top 53 ...).

Of course, though, all those goals did was to whet the appetites for the top ten.

There were few surprises.

All the goals I'd imagined would be top ten material, they were all there.

All the great memories, the moments when it feels like supporting the England national football team – the team that seemingly eventually always lets you down, especially if the game goes to penalties – is all worthwhile.

Gazza's goal in Euro 96 against Scotland, a strike impossible to get tired of watching.

John Barnes' solo goal against Brazil in 1984 in the Maracana.

It was only a friendly, but the goal will never be forgotten.

Then there was Steven Gerrard's strike in the 5-1 win in Germany, a superb low shot from 25 yards on one of the greatest nights for English football in the last 40 years.

Hell, one of the greatest nights EVER, not just the past four decades.

There was a surprise appearance from one-time Saint Graeme Le Saux, for scoring with a superb volley in another friendly against Brazil – this one at Wembley in 1995.

Owen's magical World Cup goal against Argentina in 1998 was there, as it had to be.

Hard to imagine he was only 18 when he produced that life-changing moment.

Equally hard to imagine it was 16 years ago now, for the goal still burns so bright in our mind's eye and still raises the hairs on the back of your neck.

My own favourite was, unsurprisingly, right up there.

David Platt's phenomenal volley in extra time against Belgium in the last 16 of the World Cup in Italy 24 years ago.

The goal would have been a stunner in whatever minute of the match it was scored, let alone in the dying seconds after two hours of goalless action.

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**FLASHBACK:** Gordon Strachan and Graeme Souness in 1982.

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He won the man of the match award in a 5-2 victory over New Zealand in the first of those tournaments before Scotland were thrashed 4-0 by Brazil and drew with the Soviet Union.

Four years later Strachan scored for Scotland in their 2-1 loss to West Germany.

They had already lost 1-0 to Denmark and failed to qualify for the knockout stages after only managing a 0-0 draw against a Uruguay side who played almost the entire game with ten men.

**Paul Sturrock:** Travelled to the 1982 World Cup in Spain, but didn't play a game.

Four years later, he started the loss to Denmark and the draw with Uruguay where the latter had a man sent off after 56 seconds.

**George Burley:** Selected for the Scotland team for the 1982 World Cup, Burley didn't play a single minute as his country crashed out at the group stage.

**FLASHBACK:** Jan Poortvliet, left, in 1978.

**Jan Poortvilet:** Though a total flop as Saints boss in the first half of 2008/09, Poortvliet remains one of only two ex-Saints managers to appear in a World Cup final.

He played the full 90 minutes and the extra half hour when the Netherlands lost 3-1 to hosts Argentina in Buenos Aires in 1978.

**Mauricio Pochettino:** He made 20 appearances for Argentina, making his debut in 1999 in the Copa America against Uruguay.

His biggest influence from a English point of view was in the 2002 World Cup, where in the second group game against England Pochettino fouled Michael Owen to hand England a penalty.

David Beckham, sent off against Argentina four years earlier, converted the spot-kick to help seal England's progress to the knock-out stages.

Pochettino and co failed to make it past the group stage.

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WORLD CUP BRAZIL 2014

# Pairs' titanic battles

***ENGLAND face Italy in the opening match of their World Cup campaign tonight.***

***Here, the Sports Pink looks at five previous meetings between the two heavyweights of international football.***

**Italy 1 England 1**
**May 13, 1933, Rome**

Italy was in the grip of fascism when England made their first visit there just over 80 years ago.

Playing at the Stadio Nazionale del PNF (National Stadium of the National Fascist Party), Italy got off to a perfect start when Giovanni Ferrari gave the hosts the lead.

Arsenal outside left Cliff Bastin equalised with his first international goal to level the friendly match.

**Italy 1 England 0**
**June 15, 1980, Turin**

England needed to beat hosts

KEVIN KEEGAN

Italy in their final group match to qualify for the second round of the European Championship.

But with Trevor Francis out through injury, England struggled for goals as Kevin Keegan and Gary Birtles failed to find the net.

Marco Tardelli sent Ron Greenwood's England out of the tournament with 12 minutes to go.

**Italy 0 England 0**
**October 11, 1997, Rome**

England got the draw they needed to make France '98 after a tactically astute performance from Glenn Hoddle's men at the Stadio Olimpico, which contained over 81,000 fans.

Ian Wright almost gave England the lead when he rounded the goalkeeper, but hit a post. Angelo Di Livio was sent off and Christian Vieri came within inches of scoring in an action-packed yet scoreless draw.

Paul Ince, wearing a bloodied head-bandage, epitomised England's fighting spirit.

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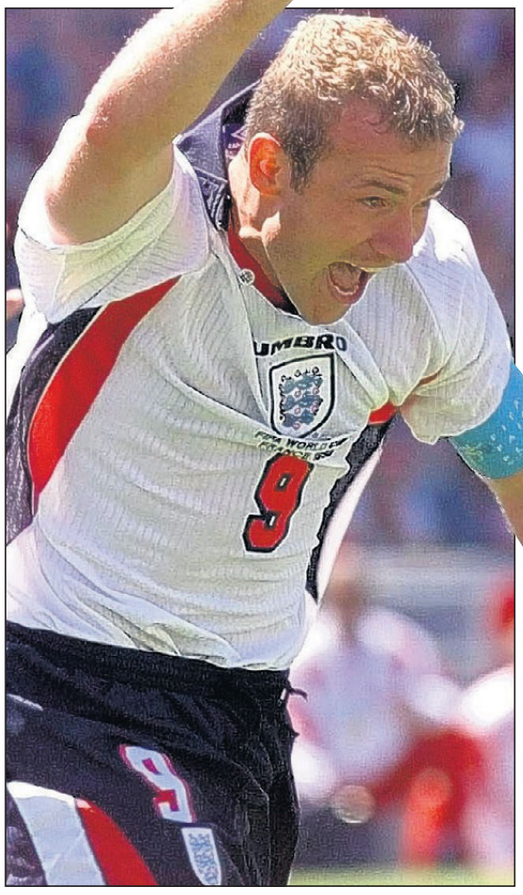
# HAPPY MEMORIES



**FLASHBACK:** Alan Shearer celebrates after scoring against Tunisia, above, in the opening game of the 1998 World Cup in France.

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It would have been a stunner in whatever match it had been scored, even a friendly, let alone a World Cup finals tie.

Platt's goal was not voted No 1 in the list, though.

That honour fell to David Beckham's free-kick against Greece at Old Trafford in October 2001.

Time was running out on England's hopes of qualifying for the World Cup as group winners.

Just a month after the 5-1 win in Munich, England were somehow losing 2-1 at home to Greece.

A draw would be enough to send Sven-Goran Eriksson's side through, and put Germany into the lottery of the play-offs.

In the dying seconds, England were awarded a free-kick around 25 yards out.

In front of the Stretford End, Beckham stepped up to curl an astonishing effort into the top corner, leaving the keeper rooted to the spot.

It was redemption time for Becks, who three years earlier had been cast as Public Enemy No 1 for his red card in the 1998 World Cup exit against Argentina.

**ICONIC:** A crying Paul Gascoigne helped football become sexy again in 1990.

Like all the best goals, the free-kick against Greece was a strike you never tire of watching.

And like Platt's moment of magic, the set piece still lives on in the memory mainly for the timing of the strike, and the importance of it, rather than the skill involved in producing it.

There were no real shocks either in the *'19 football greats'* programme.

## Great leader

Carlton Palmer cannot have sat down in front of his telly expecting to figure, and indeed he wasn't.

There was Owen. There was Gerrard.

There was ex-Saint Alan Shearer, who made frequent appearances in the *'53 top goals'* programme.

What a great leader of the line Shearer was.

In danger of being dropped by England in the build-up to Euro 96, he ended that tournament as the leading marksman and over the next few years was one of the best strikers in world football.

David Beckham was voted No 2 in the list.

Only beaten by Paul Gascoigne.

Gazza.

It is easy to forget, sadly very easy, just what a special talent Gascoigne was.

His off-the-field problems have been very widely publicised in recent times.

His battle with alcohol has been played out in the tabloid press for several years now.

To many football fans who can't remember Italia 90, Gascoigne's name is now associated with drink as much as for football.

But for those of us who CAN remember ...

We remember a wonderfully talented footballer, captable of running at defenders, producing a slide rule pass, possessing wonderful vision, and capable of conjuring up great goals.

There was his wonder moment against Scotland in Euro 96, but there were other sublime goals too.

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# OF PAST FAILURES

**FLASHBACK:** Paul Gascoigne, right, pictured in 1996.

If it did nothing else, watching those two programmes brought the magic of Paul Gascoigne back to life.

His tears as England crashed out of Italia 90 on penalties in the semi-final are now the stuff of legend.

Do not play down the impact a crying Gazza had on the nation.

It had an integral part in re-integrating football as a vehicle for good to thousands of people.

Never forget what a miserable time it was to be a football fan in the 1980s.

Hooliganism (Heysel) and crumbling facilities (Bradford fire) had led to the deaths of almost 100 fans, and that was even before the horrors of Hillsborough in 1989.

English clubs were still banned from European club competition when Italia 90 started.

The tournament ended with Bobby Robson's England having gone further than any national side since the glory days of 1966.

After a span of what seemed many years, football was sexy again.

You weren't considered some sort of social pariah for admitting you liked the sport.

Football could move on, into a better era.

With better stadiums, with better players in the English top flight.

With games watched by so many more people.

Paul Gascoigne was at the vanguard of that change.

David Beckham won far more England caps than Gazza – 115 to 57 – and is widely held up as a shining example to all youngsters as to how to live your life.

Gazza is not held up as a shining example to our kids.

But I was still delighted he was voted No 1 in the list above Beckham.

It means nothing, of course, but it was still nice to see.

Nice to see that he hasn't been forgotten.

It was the World Cup that propelled Paul Gascoigne into our hearts.

The England national team in the World Cup.

It could all end in heartbreak from 12 yards again, but bring it on anyway!

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**England 0 Italy 0**
**(Italy win 4-2 on penalties),**
**June 24, 2012, Kiev**

Roy Hodgson tasted tournament defeat for the first time with England two years ago as the Three Lions lost their sixth competitive penalty shootout.

England rode their luck in the first 90 minutes, with Daniele De Rossi hitting a post early on.

But despite their dominance, Italy could not score and the match went to penalties.

Steven Gerrard and Wayne Rooney netted from 12 yards, but Gianluigi Buffon saved Ashley Cole's effort and Ashley Young missed his penalty, leaving Alessandro Diamanti to send England packing.

**LEVELLER:** Phil Jagielka

**England 2-1 Italy**
**August 15, 2012, Berne**

Less than two months later the two teams met in Switzerland for a friendly.

England fielded an entirely different XI to the one that lost at Euro 2012.

Jack Butland earned his first cap in goal while Adam Johnson, Jake Livermore and Ryan Bertrand also featured.

De Rossi put England ahead, but Phil Jagielka equalised before Jermain Defoe gave England the win with 11 minutes to go.

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# Non-league Football

## Non-league News

### Join the Marines

DEFENDER Ross Adams has joined Swindon Supermarine following his release from Skrill Conference South club Basingstoke Town.

Marine boss Dave Webb was keen to strengthen his back-line following defeat to Merthyr Town in the Southern One South & West play-offs and describes 30-year-old former West Bromwich Albion trainee Adams as "the best centre-half in the area."

Adams, former captain of Chippenham Town, spent three seasons at Basingstoke where he was voted players' player-of-the-year for 2010/11.

### Big day

ALL eyes are firmly on Brazil right now with the world's best players basking in the football spotlight.

But on Saturday, September 6 the semi-professional and grass-roots game will get its moment in the sun with the fifth annual Non-League Day.

With no Premier League or Championship fixtures on the calendar that day, fans can take the opportunity to see what their local non-League club has to offer.

For further details email Non-League Day founder James Doe (*james@nonleagueday.co.uk*) or campaign manager Mike Bayly (*mike@nonleagueday.co.uk*).

### League

A NEW Alresford six-a-side league is kicking off next month on the impressive Astroturf pitches at Perins School.

It will be a Wednesday evening league and teams winning their division or finishing runners-up will be invited to the Football Mundia national tournament in Yorkshire featuring the top 100 teams from 150 leagues nationwide.

"The league will have teams of different standards, so everyone can put a team in and compete at their own level," explained Football Mundial's Jon Maloney.

For an information pack or to enter the league, call 01937 841440, email *info@footballmundial.com* or visit *footballmundial.com*

### Appeal

WINCHESTER City under-16s have put together a good squad of players for next season.

There are, however, some spaces still available.

For more information, call Ryan Andress on 07891 245839 or email him at *ryanandress@hotmail.co.uk*

DAMIEN SCANNELL

# Ex-Spitfires join Bromley

FORMER Eastleigh duo Damian Scannell and Jamie Slabber have left Sutton United and joined Conference South rivals Bromley for a combined five-figure fee.

Both players have secured new positions at work, making daytime training difficult.

Sutton's ex-Eastleigh manager Paul Doswell explained: "It was a fantastic final offer from Bromley and both Jamie and Damo were struggling with work to commit to training.

"Bromley offered us a figure and then came back twice with increased offers and, in the end, we could not turn it down.

"But Slabs missed the last six weeks of the season with injury and has not long had a double hernia operation, and Damo has been struggling with a groin problem. He was okay playing Saturday to Saturday, but was a completely different player if he had to play on a Tuesday as well.

"I was very concerned about Jamie's fitness in particular, so Bromley have done me a favour in buying them both.

"But they are good friends of mine and I wish them all the best – except when we play Bromley next season!"

Meanwhile, Sutton's former Dorchester Town defender Charlie Clough has signed a year-long extension to his current deal, keeping him at Gander Green Lane until 2016.

Skipper Clough was on the verge of joining the Us' former head coach, ex-Saint Paul Telfer, at Indy 11 in the North American Soccer League, but had a change of heart.

"There was a five-figure sum on the table for Charlie, but it is a sign of his commitment to us that he decided to stay," said Doswell.

# PAT'S STRIKER HUNT

**BROCKENHURST boss Pat McManus is looking for "the finished article" to spearhead his blossoming young Badgers side.**

With team captain Harry Jeffries, Tom Hill, Brad Magookin, Mark Barker, Joe Chamberlain, Jamie Blackburn, Lewis Gundry and Daniel Smith all signed on again and Will Tickle and Jacques Bernard due to follow, McManus, pictured, is more than happy with the way his squad is shaping up.

But he is acutely aware that lack of finishing prowess let Brock down in certain games last season following the departure of top scorer Scott Joyce to Bashley.

Young Braiden Hamilton weighed in with 11 goals in 25 Wessex appearances, but he is off to try his luck with Sholing where he was dual-signed for the reserves last term.

"Dave Diaper (Sholing chairman) did talk about exploring the dual-signing route again, but Braiden's not the finished article yet and for us to improve on last season we need someone who is," said McManus. "Based on the chances we create and the way we play, we need someone experienced who will score goals on a regular basis."

Brock fell just short of their top-ten Sydenhams Premier target last term, winding up 11th with 59 points, 72 goals scored and 82 conceded.

"Looking back on our fixtures, I could find probably another 18 points we could have had with a recognised goal scorer," said McManus.

"We must have dropped in excess of 22 points to teams in the bottom seven and, but for that, we would have propelled ourselves into the top six.

"I'm not setting any unrealistic targets for next season, but I want us to improve and break into the top ten.

"If we can get ourselves a recognised No9, we'll start off a better side this season than we were last year.

"We play at quite a quick pace and we destroyed Blackfield & Langley (4-1) the first time we played them and we also beat (champions) Sholing (2-0), but we need to be doing that on a regular basis.

"We've got two young goalkeepers (Nathan Goodger and George Passingham) and I've been approached by a third, more established one, who wants to join us.

"Defensively we looked quite solid once Joe Chamberlain came in and Harry Jeffries dropped into defence.

"All we're really missing is a goal scorer."

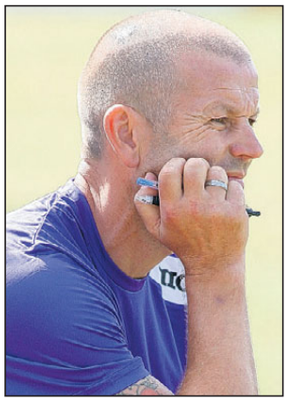
At one stage last season it looked as if raw, young talent Lerone 'Rudy' Plummer would develop into a potent attacking weapon for Brock. But a brief and ultimately unsuccessful stint at Winchester City upset his rhythm and he returned to Grigg Lane a totally different player and was released with three games to go.

"Playing-wise Rudy was nothing like he was before," said McManus.

"He can go and be someone else's project now.

"Our project is to improve on last season."

# Non-league Football



**NO PROMISES:** Hamworthy United boss GRaham Kemp.

## No guarantees at United

**BOSS Graham Kemp has warned prospective Hamworthy United recruits Richard Jackson and Martin Warren that they face a fight to work their way into his plans.**

**Kemp said he had been approached by long-serving Bournemouth Poppies defender Jackson and striker Warren, who finished as the Victoria Park club's joint top league scorer with 13 goals despite ending the Sydenhams Premier campaign with Blackfield & Langley.**

**However, with 17 of his existing squad already committed to the Hammers cause, the County Ground manager insisted any new faces would have to stand out during pre-season to make the cut.**

**"I had a chat with those two and told them they would be welcome at pre-season training," said Kemp. "They came to me, but with most of the squad secured early on we wouldn't be in a position to offer them much in the way of money.**

**"It is a good thing because I am a believer that players need to make the effort to join clubs at this level.**

**"I have learned from past experience that you can spend weeks trying to sign a player, only to lose them as soon as things go a little bit wrong.**

**"We will leave the ball in their court and see what comes of it."**

## White is not a White anymore

**EX-SAINT Jamie White has been reunited with his old Salisbury City boss Darrell Clarke at Bristol Rovers.**

And the 24-year-old from Harefield, Southampton, has promised he will score a treasure trove of goals for the Pirates as they look to reclaim their Football League status.

White has signed for Rovers on a free transfer after terminating his contract with Salisbury.

An outstanding prospect at Saints, White won the academy player-of-the-season for 2006/07 but had to accept his prize on crutches - one of a spate of injuries that sank his hopes of a professional career at St Mary's.

He played for Shrewsbury Town (loan), Eastleigh, Totton & Eling and Australian outfit Whitsunday Miners along the road to recovery and his fortunes changed dramatically for the better when he banged in goals galore for Winchester City in the Wessex League, earning himself a step up to the Whites in the summer of 2012.

He averaged a goal every other game at Old Sarum, netting 37 in 73 games for the Wiltshire club and sharing the Conference South 'golden boot' with Havant's Ollie Palmer in 2012/13.

But a hernia operation last summer held back his progress and he scored just 11 times in 29 appearances for current City boss Mikey Harris following Clarke's departure to Bristol's Memorial Ground last June.



DARRELL CLARKE

Clarke, who will be looking to take Rovers straight back up following relegation from League Two, is confident there are plenty more goals in the tank, however.

He said: "I have worked with Jamie before and he is a great signing for the club.

"He is a goal scorer who averages one goal every two games. He has the potential to be a 20-goal-a-season man."

"He is proven at this level and has the potential to further his career with us. I look forward to working with him."

Asked what he would bring to Rovers party, White said simply: "Goals!"

"Basically anything in the box will be in the back of the net," he promised. "Daz (Clarke) knows me very well and I'm sure he'll get the best out of me.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge.

"Bristol Rovers is a massive club and the relegation is something that can be easily fixed.

"If we have a good season we should be back up there. Conference football is a bit different to League Two.

"It's a lot more full-on, but if we get the ball rolling and get the right results, we will be flying."

## Non-league News

### Respect is due

BASINGSTOKE Town are celebrating after winning the Conference South FA Respect award.

The prize is given to the club judged to best embrace and conduct itself in keeping with the FA Respect Campaign, both home and away.

Lee Atkins, the club's respect director, said: "It's a very large pat on the back for everybody associated with the club and should make us all immensely proud to be involved with Basingstoke Town.

"It's not a reward for any individual or a group, but the whole club.

"It recognises how our players, management and officials conduct themselves towards the opposition players and match officials, how our fans conduct themselves home and away, as well as the efforts the club make within the community."

### Tickets

AFC Totton are selling 'Early Bird' tickets for their forthcoming Southern One South & West campaign.

Until Friday, June 20, Stags fans can buy a 2014/15 season-ticket for £130 (adults), £75 (concessions) and £35 (under-16s).

As from Saturday, June 21, they will revert to the normal price of £160 (adults), £90 (concessions) and £45 (under-16s).

Applications forms can be downloaded from http://www.afctotton.net/201415-season-tickets/

The Stags, meanwhile, have put out a call for volunteers – old and new.

Supporters who would like to help out on match days can attend a meeting in the Monarch Suite, Testwood Stadium, on Monday, June 23 (7.30pm).

### 30 clubs

NOMADIC former Eastleigh, Havant and Weymouth striker Jefferson Louis has joined his THIRTIETH club.

The 35-year-old has signed for Conference North new boys Lowestoft who won promotion as Ryman Premier play-off winners.

Louis, the Ryman Premier's top scorer last season with 31 goals, has joined the Trawlerboys on a two-year contract from Margate.

Lowestoft had been destined to join the Conference South, but were dealt a blow this week when they were switched to the Conference North.

It was part of the knock-on effect of Hereford being kicked out of the Conference Premier for financial reasons, meaning Chester are reinstated and Hayes & Yeading spared relegation from the Conference South.

# Non-league Football

## Non-league News

# A load of Cobblers

**EASTLEIGH have added another pre-season friendly to their list against Football League opposition.**

**Richard Hill's Conference Premier new boys will entertain Northampton Town at the Silverlake Stadium on Friday, August 1 (7.30pm).**

**The Cobblers, managed by ex-Saints youth player and former Oxford United boss Chris Wilder, finished 21st in League Two last term, completing a remarkable escape from relegation.**

**Eyebrows were raised last January when 46-year-old Wilder – a Saint from 1982-86 – left Oxford to take over a Northampton side sitting bottom of the league, six points adrift of safety.**

**They remained entrenched in the bottom two until a priceless 3-0 win at Dagenham & Redbridge dragged them out of the mire and, ironically it was a last-day victory over Wilder's old charges Oxford that set the seal on safety.**

**The Northampton game will be Eastleigh's third against Football League opposition at the Silverlake, following on from Swindon Town (Thursday, July 17, 7pm) and Crawley Town (Saturday, July 26, 3pm).**

**Tickets are £8 per game or fans can pay a value-for-money £10 for all three home fixtures.**

**For more information or to order your pre-season ticket contact the club on 023 8061 3361.**

### PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES 2014

**Saturday, June 28**
Horndean v Clanfield

**Saturday, July 5**
Downton v Alresford Town
Moneyfields v Farnham Town
Shaftesbury v Bournemouth Poppies
Winchester City v Sutton Utd

**Monday, July 7**
Didcot Town v Eastleigh (7.30)
Horndean v Havant & Waterlooville

**Tuesday, July 8**
Alresford Town v AFC Totton (at Wellington, 7.15, TBC)
Blackfield & Langley v Salisbury City
Bashley v Gosport Borough
Winchester City v Basingstoke Town

**Thursday, July 10**
Moneyfields XI v Hythe & Dibden

**Saturday, July 12**
Alresford Town v New Milton Town (at Wellington)
Blackfield & Langley v Fleet Town
Bashley v Winchester City
Basingstoke Town v Yeovil Town
Hamworthy Utd v Wimborne Town
Marlow v Eastleigh
Petersfield Town v AFC Totton
Worthing Utd v Moneyfields

**Monday, July 14**
Poole Town v AFC Bournemouth
Development Squad

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**STEPPING UP:** New Ringwood boss Charlie Pierson, pictured in his playing days.

# Town aiming high

RINGWOOD Town manager Charlie Pierson has targeted a top-half finish in Sydenhams One having been handed the reins on a permanent basis.

The 32-year-old centre-half, who served Town with distinction for a number of years as a player, was drafted in as caretaker manager last December with the club struggling to attract players, writes Andy Mitchell.

After a tough start to last season, which featured a 10-1 drubbing at eventual champions Petersfield Town, Pierson's charges gradually grew in stature and ended a demoralising run of defeats with 2-1 victories over Team Solent and New Milton to finish the campaign in 13th.

And now the boss has been joined by coach Jordan Hiscock, who masterminded Richmond Park Con's four-trophy haul in Bournemouth Saturday football last season, Pierson is confident of building a successful squad for the forthcoming campaign.

He stopped short of suggesting that Ringwood would draft in the bulk of Richmond's side, which won the Hayward Saturday League, Hampshire Intermediate Cup, Pickford Cup and Poole Bay Challenge Cup, and stated that he would run the rule over a host of trialists before making any decisions.

"We are really looking forward to the new season," said Pierson.

"A number of players say they are interested in coming over, but they are just words at the moment.

"We will have to see who comes to pre-season training, but the initial signs are good.

"Some of the lads who I have played with at Ringwood in the past want to come back and Jordan coming over to help is a massive boost.

"We have had bad starts over the past few seasons and we need to put that right.

"I would like to see us in the top half and the first ten or so games will be important.

"I want us to be competitive and still have an interest in the cup competitions."

# HERB HELPS OUT

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**DAVE Herbert has returned to his Hamble roots – but with a different club.**

The former Folland Sports coach/reserve team boss has decided to take a season out of the Sydenhams League and help Hamble Club towards their dream of joining the Wessex ranks.

Having finished second in the new Hampshire Premier League Division One last season, the Shell Mex Ground outfit are a club on the up.

Herbert explained: "A big reason for joining Hamble Club is working alongside (manager) Scott Marchant and Matty Gregory.

"From what I have seen towards the end of last season, Scott and Matty have massive drive and a will to win which I'm looking forward to combining my skills with.

"Scott's a top bloke and I've always admired his achievements with Knighton Arms.

"We have both cruelly tasted defeat in the semi-final of the Southampton Senior Cup. Last season Scott lost to Sholing after being 2-0 up, while I lost on penalties to AFC Stoneham a few years ago.

"Although I've been involved in bigger and better cups since, this one stands out as the one that got away and, along with a top-two finish, it will be a main target for the coming season.

"Another big thing for me is the new vision Hamble Club have. In the past they haven't been interested in moving forward, but now they have a good team structure with a strong first and second-string side, and there has been a big new investment and plans to break back into the Wessex, which will be great for the club."

Herbert, who finished last season at Lymington Town, has had other offers from Wessex clubs in and around the New Forest area.

But with his work now based in Petersfield and a desire to spend more time with his family, Hamble Club suits him down to the ground.

"I trialled it (working in the New Forest) towards the end of last season where I took the first-team coach role at Lymington, but I soon found the 90-mile trip too much," he admitted.

"When Stuart Doling stepped down as manager I was asked to take the reins for the remainder of the season but, regrettably, I had to turn it down."

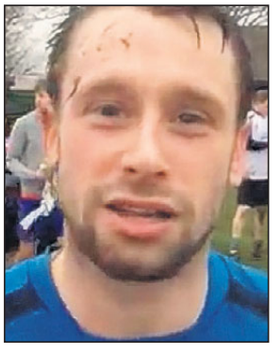
Follands remain close to Herbert's heart and he would never rule out going back there sometime in the future.

"It was a very hard decision to leave Follands after being Danny's (manager Danny Bowers) understudy for the past six years, but I thought the time was right to gain more experience and learn the game from another point of view," he said.

"I would like to say a massive thanks to Danny and the Follands family. I am certain I'll return to my home club in the future."

Hamble Club's pre-season starts on Saturday, June 21, and everyone is welcome.

The club are on the lookout for a goalkeeping coach. Please call Herbert on 07775 845312 or Scott Marchant on 07766 081223.



DAVE HERBERT

**NOT HANING ABOUT:** Adie Arnold.

# Adie starts early

**NEW Christchurch boss Adie Arnold already has the team back in training.**

**The former Verwood manager ran the rule over nine prospective recruits, along with Priory's existing squad, in the club's first pre-season session on Tuesday.**

**Arnold, who took over the Christchurch reins following the resignation of predecessor Michael Cuffie last month, said: "From a manager's perspective, August is a very difficult month at this level of football.**

**"The games come thick and fast with the FA Cup and lots of league games packed in from the off.**

**"It's a spell which can define your season, so it's important to be prepared and start with a big pool of players.**

**"We have a good base of young and experienced players and there is every reason to set the bar high and push for the top ten.**

**"It won't be easy because it's a tough old league, but if we strike the right balance we have every reason to feel positive."**

**Arnold was remaining tight-lipped over the identity of his trialists, but declared his intention to make quick decisions over their futures.**

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# A FRESH START

**FORMER Saints and Eastleigh defender Aaron Martin is fully fit and itching to make a big impression for his new club Yeovil Town.**

The Isle of Wight-born defender, pictured, became the Glovers' second summer signing last week when he penned a two-year deal following his release from Birmingham City.

It marks a fresh start for the 24-year-old who, having returned to Saints from a two-month loan spell at Coventry City at the end of 2012/13, was set back by an injury in a development squad game.

"I ruptured the ligaments in my left ankle, but that's all fine now. It's healed really well," said the towering centre-back.

"It was the first time I had been injured for a long time, so it was quite hard to deal with at first, but I got my head down, did everything I needed to and managed to get playing again."

Former Itchen College student Martin joined Saints for an undisclosed five-figure sum in November 2009 after impressing for Eastleigh in the Conference South.

He had loan spells with Salisbury, Crystal Palace and Coventry before his Saints contract was ended by mutual consent in January this year.

He joined Birmingham on a short-term deal until the end of last season, making eight appearances for the Championship outfit.

Commenting on his move to Yeovil, Martin said: "It had been bubbling for a few weeks. I'm just happy to get it all done now and start looking forward to next season.

"I wear my heart on my sleeve and work as hard as I can and give everything I can in a game and every day in training.

"I'm pretty tall so I like to head the ball, but I do like to get the ball down and play."

Gary Johnson, manager of the League One side, revealed he had tried to sign Martin on several occasions, adding: "He's a really dominant centre-half who had a good spell at Southampton and Coventry.

"But not only is Aaron a good player, he has a good character as well which is what we need at the club."

# Burridge bank on bringing in youth

BURRIDGE AFC have a long, proud history in local football having played in the Southampton Football League since shortly after the club's foundation in 1989.

Since current manager Colin Plumhoff joined the ranks in 2012, they have achieved a number of successes including promotion to the Southampton Premier Division.

But their ambition doesn't stop there.

Burridge have a vision of progressing up through the football league structure and entering the Hampshire Premier League for their first time in their history.

Plumhoff explained: "We have our own facilities, including football pitch, clubhouse and training ground located in the village of Burridge.

"We have recently received a grant from the local authorities for the purchase of new goals and dugouts.

"We are continuously looking to improve the facilities at the club and require new equipment such as floodlights and pitch barrier which are a requirement for the club to compete at a higher standard."

Burridge have now set up a reserve team which has been entered into Southampton Junior One.

Under the guidance of former Michelmersh & Timsbury reserve boss Paul Crook, they hope to develop young talent who will progress into the first team and help take the club forward.

But for Burridge's success to continue for many years to come, they need to branch out into youth football and would like to hear from any established youth teams, aged 14 and 15, looking to progress their youngsters through a senior side for the 2015/16 campaign.

Burridge are also seeking sponsorship of the team, players, training equipment etc and need fresh faces to join their matchday committee/staff.

If you can offer any support to the club, no matter how big or small, or if you're a player looking for a club, contact Colin Plumhoff on 07949 066946 or email *burridgeafc12@hotmail.co.uk*

**Burridge** have arranged the following first-team friendlies – Netley Central (home, July 12, 2pm, Toynbee School), Brockenhurst (away, July 23, 7.45pm), Lyndhurst (away, July 26, 2pm), 10 Battalion SEME (away, August 6, 7.45pm, Borden Army Barracks), Otterbourne (away, August 9, 3pm), Park Sports (home, August 16, 3pm, Test Park), Hamble Club (away, August 23, 3pm).

**Burridge reserves** will play – Bishops Waltham Dynamos (home, August 12, 7.30pm), Inmar (home, August 16, 1pm, Test Park), Compton (home, August 19, 7.30pm), Hamble Club Res (away, August 23, 1pm).

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**Tuesday, July 15**
Blackfield & Langley v AFC Totton
Hamworthy Utd v Poole Town
QK Southampton v Alresford Town (7.15)
Winchester Castle v Hythe & Dibden Res
Winchester City v Fleet Town

**Thursday, July 17**
Eastleigh v Swindon Town (7pm)

**Saturday, July 19**
AFC Portchester v Worthing
AFC Stoneham v Romsey Town
AFC Totton v Winchester City XI
Alresford Town v Tadley Calleva (at Wellington)
Bush Hill v Sholing Res (TBC)
Moneyfields v Selsey
New Milton v Bournemouth Poppies
Old Woodstock Town v Fareham Town
Otterbourne v Hythe & Dibden
Poole Town v Gosport Borough
Salisbury City v Reading
Thatcham Town v Winchester City XI
Verwood Town v Wimborne Town

**Tuesday, July 22**
AFC Portchester v Portsmouth XI
Basingstoke Town v Newport County
Billericay v Eastleigh
Folland Sports v AFC Totton
Laverstock & Ford v Alresford Town (7.30)
Salisbury City v AFC Wimbledon
Sholing v Gosport Borough
Winchester Castle v Bournemouth Poppies
Verwood Town v Poole Town

**Wednesday, July 23**
Bemerton HH v Salisbury City

**Thursday, July 24**
AFC Stoneham v Sholing Res (TBC)
Ringwood Town v Hamworthy Utd
Weymouth v Romsey Town

**Friday, July 25**
Poole Town v Wimborne Town

**Saturday, July 26**
AFC Totton v Slough Town
Brockenhurst v Binfield
Cadnam Utd v Amesbury Town
Eastleigh v Crawley Town
Godalming Town v Sholing
Guildford City v Alresford Town
Moneyfields v Met Police
Portland Utd v Bournemouth Poppies
QK Southampton v Romsey Town
Redditch Utd v Gosport Borough
Tadley Calleva v Winchester City

**Tuesday, July 29**
Hungerford Town v Gosport Borough
Blackfield & Langley v AFC Totton
Fleet Town v Basingstoke Town
Poole Town v Salisbury City
QK Southampton v Hythe & Dibden Res
Sholing v Havant & Waterlooville
St Albans City v Eastleigh
US Portsmouth v Moneyfields (7.15)

**Wednesday, July 30**
AFC Totton v AFC Bournemouth XI

**Thursday, July 31**
Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Sholing
Stockbridge v Amesbury Town (7.15)
Weymouth XI v Hythe & Dibden

**Friday, August 1**
Eastleigh v Northampton Town (7.30)
Poole Town v Crystal Palace XI

**Saturday, August 2**
AFC Totton v Dorchester Town
Arundel v Sholing
Poole Town v Basingstoke Town
Salisbury City v Newport County
Wimborne Town v Gillingham Town
Yateley Utd v Sholing Res

**Thursday, August 7**
AFC Stoneham v Hythe & Dibden

**Saturday, August 9**
Fawley AFC v Hythe & Dibden

**Email details of your club's pre-season friendlies to echosport@dailyecho.co.uk**

# Non-league Football

## No hard feelings

MICHAEL Walker insists there are no hard feelings following his abrupt Weymouth exit.

The defender recently left the Terras by mutual consent, after completing just one season of his original two-year deal, and returned to his former club Poole Town.

Admitting it was a season of catch-up following a hernia operation last summer, Walker said: "To be quite honest, it didn't work out, but I haven't really got a bad word to say about the club.

"Pre-season is vital for any player and I didn't get that last year.

**NEW START:** Michael Walker.

"This year I've started pre-season myself and gone out six weeks before it all begins to make sure I'm flying again next season."

Walker, who captained Poole to promotion from the Southern One South & West two seasons ago, feels he has nothing to prove.

"It's not a case of proving to anyone what I can do," he said. "I have goals and levels myself and I know what I need to do to put things right.

"Next year I am going to be hungry, fit and ready for a league that is going to be highly competitive," he promised.

"Everyone has their views and I'm like Marmite - you either love me or hate me at the end of the day."

## Ford is added

FAREHAM Town have added experienced midfielder James Ford to their Sydenhams Premier Division squad.

Ford, who began his career at AFC Bournemouth, has had spells with Lymington & New Milton, Havant & Waterlooville, Moneyfields and Hamworthy United over the years.

The 32-year-old, who spent much of last season with Fareham's divisional rivals Winchester City, will be a handy replacement for the long-serving Mat Jones who hung up his boots at the end of last season.

This will be Ford's second spell at Cams Alders, having played a dozen games at the end of 2004/05.

Also signed on for Matt Parr's side are Gary Austin, Sam Bunton, Mark Cotton, Josh Cripps, Luke Douglas, Ian Humble, Bryn McKie, Lee Tigwell, Mark Wheeler and recent signing Bradey Norton from AFC Portchester.

**NO CHANGES:** Sholing's new co-boss Mick Marsh.

## Marsh: We'll still do

**NEW co-boss Mick Marsh insists there will be no wholesale changes at Sholing this summer.**

**With experienced quartet Lee Bright, Tyronne Bowers, Marc Diaper and Kevin Brewster all winding down their careers and young full-back/midfielder Mike Carter off to further his with Conference South outfit Gosport Borough, the FA Vase winners and Sydenhams Premier champions do have holes to plug.**

**Marsh and joint manager Dave Fear have already added Alresford Town skipper and centre-half Stuart Mott to the squad, but it's unlikely there will be too many more new arrivals as the Boatmen prepare to reacquaint themselves with Southern One South & West.**

**Having built up one of the area's most thriving youth/reserve set-ups, they will not be afraid to promote from within.**

**"We're trying to do it the Sholing way," said Marsh, who has stepped up from the role of head coach. "Yes, we'll add three or four, but we'll also do what we've done in the past and draw on our reserves.**

**"As one door closes another opens for our youngster players and we shouldn't be**

# REVOLUTION

## Killick wants shake-up of non-league system

**TOM Killick has called for extra promotion places in the non-League system after it emerged that crisis club Hereford United could be parachuted into the Southern League.**

The Bulls were expelled from the Football Conference on Tuesday having failed to meet membership conditions, which included the settlement of their £148,000 debt to football creditors, ***writes ANDY MITCHELL.***

Hereford could yet go to the wall with a winding-up order brought by their former manager, ex-Saint Martin Foyle, adjourned until June 30.

But the Southern League this week confirmed they were discussing the ailing outfit's entry into next season's competition.

Killick admitted that competing with such a force could hamper the Dolphins' quest for promotion from the Southern Premier Division, but he had no qualms over the rules which saw the Bulls demoted for their financial profligacy.

Instead, the Tatnam boss, pictured, argued that the opportunity for all clubs to progress should be ensured by increasing mobility within the football pyramid.

Discussing the possible impact of Hereford's move, Killick said: "Everyone should embrace measures that attempt to steer clubs away from financial irresponsibility and you need to have sanctions.

"There has to be a consequence and imposing quite a dramatic relegation is the only way.

"How else can you police it?

"I'm not in any way opposed to the principle of what may happen because I do think it is important there are repercussions.

"A club of their stature would certainly raise the profile of the league.

"We wouldn't normally expect to play Hereford in anything other than a big FA Cup game, so it would make things more exciting.

"If Hereford come in with big resources, a much bigger fan base and residual players from the Conference, then they will be strong favourites to win it, but there are no guarantees of success.

"They won't be used to the league, may have to build a side from scratch and will carry a massive burden of expectation.

"There will be significant difficulties to encounter.

"The only thing I don't understand is why there is only one automatic promotion place. For me, there should be at least two because that would help cover this eventuality.

"The best way to address these problems, while making it fair for everyone, is to have a more fluid system with two places up for grabs and another in the play-offs.

● Poole Town are looking for a new physiotherapist following Tom Stone's work-related relocation to London. For more details email *info@pooletownfc.co.uk*

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## it the 'Sholing way'

nervous about using them – I'm certainly not.

"We'll hold our own in the Southern League and make ourselves difficult to beat, but there will be no wholesale changes."

Much as Sholing will miss the energy and enthusiasm of 22-year-old home-grown talent Carter, Marsh believes his move into Conference football benefits the club in other ways.

"It's a good advertisement for us," he said. "Mike has served Sholing well and this is a real opportunity for a young lad to progress his football and his career.

"It's great branding for us and shows we do things the right way and produce good, young players.

"Moving to Gosport is the right thing for Mike without a shadow of a doubt, but he can always come back if things don't work out."

Carter will make a swift return to Portsmouth Road on Tuesday, July 22 when Sholing host FA Trophy finalists Gosport in a pre-season friendly.

A week later (July 29) Borough's Conference South neighbours Havant & Waterlooville visit.

The Boatmen also have three away friendlies lined up at Godalming Town (July 26), Bemerton (July 31) and Arundel (August 2).

**ON THE MOVE:** Mike Carter has joined Gosport.

# FRIENDS REUNITED

## Coxall and Earl are back together again

**RICHIE Coxall and Callum Earl will form a new-look management team at Fawley AFC next season.**

But it is not the first time the pair have worked together.

During Coxall's last spell in charge, defender Earl skippered the Oilers to promotion from Sydenhams One in 2009/10 and they had a brief spell as caretaker managers two seasons ago when ex-Saint Paul Wiltshire was dispensed with as manager.

"Callum was my captain the year we went up," said Coxall.

"He was at Reading as a kid and he was someone I leant on as skipper to take the occasional training session and warm-up and have his say in the dressing room."

Earl, whose brothers Kieran and Elliott also play for Fawley, may well double up as a player/co-manager for the Oilers.

"Callum's going to train and get in shape to play," Coxall confirmed. "Given his experience and quality, it would be good if he could get himself as fit as he can be so that he can sit on the bench for us, if nothing else."

For stalwart clubman Coxall, 2014/15 will mark his third spell in the Fawley dugout.

He and Earl were appointed at the beginning of May when it was confirmed that Wiltshire's successor, Colin Lane, had stepped down.

Last season was a difficult one for the Waterside club who flirted with relegation before securing third-to-bottom safety, leaving Downton and Romsey to take the plunge.

Throughout those struggles Coxall was always present in the background serving on the club committee, but he was never tempted to intervene.

"Having done the (manager's) job, I know how hard it is," he said. "It's easy to criticise from a distance, but what people don't see is what's gone on in the week leading up to the game with people crying off at the last minute and so on..

"Of course, a manager might do things I wouldn't necessarily have done, but that doesn't make him wrong and me right. You put up or shut up. If a guy's doing the job, then back him. If you appoint a manager, let him manage."

With pre-season training due to begin on Monday, it's too soon to say how many existing Fawley players will be staying put and who the reinforcements will be.

But Coxall said: "They're all Waterside lads here and we're hopeful the majority will stay and that a few of the old guard will come back.

"The chairman (Kevin Mitchell) wants to bring it back to a one-club culture of first team and reserves and our aim is to provide football for local boys."

As a non-paying club, Fawley have always been vulnerable to losing promising youngsters like Rob Flooks and Lewis Ross who both featured for AFC Totton last season in the Southern Premier.

Coxall said. "Our aim is to get players playing to the best of their ability and, if that's for us, then fantastic. But if we've got lads capable of going higher, they should do and we'll do all we can to support that."

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## Award for Eastleigh boss Hill

EASTLEIGH boss Richard Hill has been named Skrill Conference South manager-of-the-season for 2013/14 after leading the Spitfires up as champions.

Hill picked up his award at the weekend's Football Conference AGM and presentation evening at Celtic Manor, Newport, where Eastleigh received a cheque for £7,500 for their title-winning exploits.

Unsurprisingly the Spitfires also featured strongly in the Skrill South team-of-the-year with four players included in the line-up.

Experienced twin centre-backs Chris Todd and Dean Beckwith got the nod, along with two younger squad members - former AFC Totton and Christchurch left-back Michael Green and midfielder Jai Reason. Former Spitfires skipper Daryl McMahon, now of Ebbsfleet United, also featured.

**Conference Premier team-of-the-year 2013/14:** Mark Tyler (Luton Town), Steve McNulty (Luton Town), Ian Miller (Cambridge Utd), Dean Wells (Braintree Town), Shaun Pearson (Grimsby Town), Craig Disley (Grimsby Town), Luke Gutteridge (Luton Town), Luke Berry (Cambridge Utd), Andre Gray (Luton Town), Lee Gregory (FC Halifax Town), James Norwood (Forest Green Rovers).

**Conference South team-of-the-year 2013/14:** Jason Brown (Sutton Utd), Chalie Clough (Sutton Utd), Chris Todd (Eastleigh), Dean Beckwith (Eastleigh), Michael Green (Eastleigh), Craig Dundas (Sutton Utd), Jai Reason (Eastleigh), Daryl McMahon (Ebbsfleet Utd), Bradley Goldberg (Bromley), Pierre Joseph-Dubois (Bromley), Jamie Taylor (Sutton Utd).

**Conference North team-of-the-year 2013/14:** Steve Drench (Guiseley AFC), Simon Grand (AFC Telford Utd), Carl Piergianni (Boston Utd), Darren Campion (Hednesford Town), Adam Griffin (Altrincham), Nicky Clee (Altrincham), Shaun Densmore (Altrincham), Gavin Rothery (Guiseley AFC), James Walshaw (Altrincham), Anthony Wilson (North Ferriby Utd), Ricky Miller (Boston Utd).

**Other awards handed out on the night were –**
**Long service:** Peter Martin (Dartford), David Martin (Dorchester Town)
**Programme-of-the-year:** Aldershot Town (Premier Division), Chelmsford City (South), Boston Utd (North)
**Fair play:** Cambridge Utd (Premier), Staines Town (South), Oxford City (North)
**Respect:** Hyde FC (Premier), Basingstoke Town (South), Guiseley AFC (North)
**Community club:** Alfreton Town (Premier), Bath City (South), Colwyn Bay (North)

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## Kabba on the move

POPULAR striker Sahr Kabba has left Havant & Waterlooville to join Conference Premier outfit Lincoln City for an undisclosed fee on an initial one-year contract.

The 25-year-old former Bristol Rovers academy graduate arrived at the Hawks from Weston-super-Mare in July 2012 during ex-AFC Totton boss Stuart Ritchie's brief time in charge.

Kabba scored 24 goals in 88 matches for Havant and will be greatly missed at Westleigh Park where his exciting style of play and great sense of humour made him a firm fans' favourite.

Thanking Havant boss Lee Bradbury for all his help, Kabba said: "He has improved me significantly throughout my duration at Havant and taught me so much as a player and a person. With that in mind, I am leaving Havant a far better player, thanks to him!"

"I leave with many lifelong friends and fans of such a great club, which will always have a place in my heart."

Eddie Hutchinson has also left Havant to join Conference South rivals Maidenhead United.

The 32-year-old, who scored a consolation goal for the Hawks against the Magpies in the penultimate match of last season, is a bustling, 6ft 2in central midfielder.

Hutchinson started his career in non-League with Sutton United before signing for Brentford as a teenager and going on to make over 100 appearances for the Bees.

He also played for Oxford United, Crawley Town and Eastbourne Borough before joining Hawks in March 2012.

Havant boss Bradbury has added two new names to his backroom staff, bringing in former Bath City scout Chick Botley and Chris Douglas, a performance analyst fresh out of university.

## Youth aim

TOTTON & Eling are going big on youth next season.

They will be running two under-18 teams – one in the Hampshire Youth League and the other in the Southampton Youth League – as well as a new under-16 side.

T&E are holding under-18 trials/training sessions at Testwood School, Totton, from 6-8pm on Wednesdays June 18, 25 and July 2.

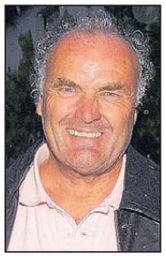
Rob Lomax and Danny Ackland will be running the Hampshire side with Kevin Legget in charge of the Southampton team.

It's all part of a new structure in the T&E youth section, concentrating on the progression and development of young players.

Players interested in joining the under-18 set-up can contact *tottonandelingyouth@gmail.com*,ring Rob Lomax on 07876 776985 or turn up on the night.

Under-16 players can email the above address or ring Ian Clark on 07709 318550.

# Steel: Merger for Totton



ANGUS STEEL

ANGUS Steel has been a businessman all his adult life.

And no matter which way he looks at it, having two football clubs struggling to make ends meet on one site at Totton makes no sense to him whatsoever.

In an ideal world Steel, chairman of the smaller club Totton & Eling, thinks a joint operation with Salisbury Road neighbours AFC Totton would be hugely beneficial to both clubs.

The immediate stumbling block, however, is that while Wessex outfit T&E are now debt-free, their Southern League neighbours still owe thousands of pounds to creditors.

"I've run a business my whole life," said Steel. "And what we have at Totton is two businesses running side by side doing the same job.

"It would make much more sense to have one committee running the whole site and working in unison.

"Imagine how much stronger it would be to run it as one club with a first team playing in the Southern League and a second team in the Wessex League.

"That way any local talent around would be first inclined to say 'let's go and play at, say, the Totton Sports Arena."

Steel has actually discussed his thoughts with AFC Totton

# TOWN LOOKING UP

**ROMSEY Town may be heading down to Sydenhams Wessex One next season, but long-serving chairman Ken Jacobs feels more optimistic now than he has in years.**

Encouraged by the arrival of new vice-chairman Phil Rowland and club secretary Clare Crossland, he is convinced that the only way is up for the Bypass Ground outfit from here on in.

"For the first time in many years, there is excitement at the Bypass Ground. We are planning for the long term, our future," he wrote in an open letter.

"Having taken on board Phil Rowland and Clare Crossland, who both have vast experience in football as well as business, we want to take the club forward.

"We have in place a youth structure second to none.

"With teams from under-7s onwards capable of filtering through to the senior sides, the footballing future of the club looks very bright.

"Our plans to do not stop there, however. My personal vision is to see the clubhouse as a major social area for the town.

"We have already started upgrading the inside, which has seen a rise in the number of people wishing to hire the club for events, ranging from christenings to birthdays and anniversary parties.

"Obviously getting the club to the standard we have in mind won't happen overnight. It will take time, effort and money, but it will come.

"I can only see success ahead of us.

"I am proud of our club and I hope before too long it will become a club for others to be proud of too."

The football club has been part of Romsey for more than 120 years with the Bypass Ground its home since 1956.

In 1986 Town were one of the founder members of the Wessex League. They were crowned league champions in 1989/90 and reached the FA Cup fourth qualifying round the following season.

Two years of relegation followed before they fought their way back to Premier Division status.

Since then the club's fortunes have see-sawed with various changes of manager, culminating in relegation at the end of 2013/14.

"We have had a constant struggle over the years to attract sponsors and grants which has resulted in the club as a whole not growing in the way I would like," admitted Jacobs.

But it was not for want of trying by a man who first became involved with Town, purely on the social side as a committee member, in 1980 before becoming chairman in 1996.

"Over the years many people, both from football and social points of view, have come and gone, all giving time and energy to the club. All have been very much appreciated." Jacobs continued.

"There is still a small band, some of whom have been involved for a long time. All are volunteers, helping the club to keep running on a day-to-day basis.

"As my long-suffering wife can confirm, the club has become a very large part of my life, not only from the social aspect but also the football side as well.

"You can see me at any time, from serving in the bar or tea room to tidying the yard.

"I have always tried to unite the two areas of the club, not always with great success but I believe we are entering a new era.

Here's to Romsey Town Football and Social Club, the future. I hope I will be here for many years to come."

The club would like to hear from any volunteers or sponsors keen to help Romsey grow.

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# Non-league Football

## clubs is the sensible option

chairman Andy Straker.

"I've had a chat with Andy and told him my ideas for putting the two clubs together," he said.

"Having one joint club in Totton would be great for the community and great for both clubs.

"You could take the fences down, make one big training area and even look to the future by putting a 3G (artificial) pitch on the Totton & Eling site. That way, when games get called off on the main pitch, you can use the 3G."

AFC Totton's debts are a problem, however.

"It looks to me as if they've had people over there running a successful football club without knowing how to run a successful business.And much as I like football, it still has to be a business first," said Steel.

"In the short time I've been at Totton & Eling I've realised just how much it costs to run a football club and you've either got to do it purely for the love of it or run it as a business and see a return.

"AFC Totton have got the facilities to see a return, all they've got to do is manage it better.

"AFC Totton is a great asset with lots of potential to make money – not to take that money out, though, but to plough it back in and make the facilities better."

Steel, a centre-half in his playing days, played local football for 30 years having left The Dell aged 20.

AFC Totton are one of his former clubs along with Newport IoW, Netley Central, Alton Town and Petersfield Town.

# RIGHT UP PAUL'S STREET

**ANDOVER New Street boss Paul Reidy will head up a new management team next season which will control three senior sides.**

The Sydenhams Wessex One squad will be joined by New Street Swifts, who will stay in the Andover & District League, plus a new reserve team playing under Declan Barrett in the Wyvern Combination League.

Long-serving clubman Reidy will be assisted by Michael Francis Pollin, one of three UEFA B coaches at the club.

Already they have begun building the main squad, welcoming in Chris Boothe and Alex Campbell, pictured above, from Andover Lions and young midfielder/striker Daniel Lang from Broughton as they look to improve on last term's 15th-placed finish.

"This is a new chapter for the club," said Reidy.

"Our aims and objectives are simple in that I want us to be competitive and consistent."

Reidy has stepped up from managing Andover New Street Swifts in the Andover & District League and replaces Matt Styles at the Foxcotte Park helm.

Styles' reign as manager ended in the disappointment of two heavy away defeats with depleted squads at US Portsmouth and Hythe & Dibden.

As predicted, he resigned from the post prior to the Hythe trip which, once again, was played with a bare 11.

Paying tribute to Styles and his number two Matt Davies, chairman Martin Tobin said: "The club wish to thank the Matts for the work they put in and the fact they gave the youth the opportunity to make their debuts in the team, which is what the club will be looking to carry on doing. "We are pleased to have the team in the hands of Paul Reidy, another very loyal and respected member of Andover New Street FC."

New Street have already pencilled in five pre-season friendlies, starting with Andover Town at Sparsholt College on Thursday, July 10 (6.45pm).

Then it's Newbury Town (away, July 12), Gillingham Town (away, July 22), AFC Aldermaston (away, July 26) and Otterbourne (away, August 2).

The club are looking for a first-team physio. Anyone interested in that position or players looking to join in training are welcome to email Reidy at *preidy1@live.co.uk* or ring him on 07925 038920.

**GONE:** Matt Styles has left Andover New Street.

## BOOK of the WEEK

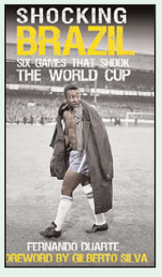
**SHOCKING BRAZIL**
**By Fernando Duarte**
***Sportsbookofthemonth.com price: £8.96 saving 23% on rrp***

HOW a sports team or individual reacts to defeat, particularly an unexpected reverse, often tells us much about the loser's mental strength.

Those who later become successful recall the desperate pain of defeat and recognise it is something they must avoid at all costs; others are so crushed, they can never attain a level of performance necessary to become a serial winner. Perhaps winners are those who, unwittingly, adhere to Sir Winston Churchill's words of guidance: "in defeat, defiance."

The great man's advice could not always be said to apply to Brazilian football, as Fernando Duarte explains in an absolutely compelling book, which, although published to coincide with the World Cup, is head and shoulders above 99 percent of other, 'tournament-linked' publications.

Brazilian football reached its apogee in 1970, when Carlos Alberto lashed in Pele's perfectly-weighted pass to score the world champions' fourth goal in their 4-1 defeat of Italy. That performance has been described as the greatest-ever by a football XI as Brazil played with panache, style and appeared to have an extraordinary amount of time with which to execute passes.




It's difficult to argue with such a conclusion, for there have been only two 'stylish' victories in the intervening 44 years – Argentina in 1978 and France in 1998 – though neither came close to emulating Brazil's beautiful football of 1970.

Duarte argues that the roots of Brazil's success in Mexico (and of two other, much more cynical victories, in 1994 and 2002) can be found in the unexpected defeat they suffered at the hands of Uruguay in 1950.

That 2-1 defeat had such a devastating impact on Brazil's national psyche that the Selecáo changed their shirt colours to the now familiar yellow and prompted what the author calls "one of the longest post-mortems in the history of sport".

What follows is a marvellously engaging tale of football, politics, economics, corruption, madness and more corruption, all served on a bed of passion.

Duarte's narrative, interspersed with anecdotes and player comments, is particularly engaging because his research has clearly been extensive.

From tales of Ademire 'blessing' a 14 year-old boy, to Neymar and the extraordinary national hopes pinned on his shoulders, this is a football book worth a place in any supporters' library.

**We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month & have a copy of *Shocking Brazil* to give away.**

**To win this week's sports book, go to their website (*www.sportsbookofthemonth.com*) and answer the following question:**

**How many times have Brazil won the World Cup?**

## HAMPSHIRE CRICKET FIXTURES

**April**

**6 Worcestershire (CC) .....Ageas Bowl**
Hampshire 263 (Ervine 93, Adams 67) and 27-1 drew with Worcestershire 350-7 (Coles 3-58)

**13 Gloucestershire (CC) .....Bristol**
Hampshire 422 (J Vince 144, A Wheater 82) and 215-2 (M Carberry 100no, J Vince 58no) beat Gloucestershire 302 (K Abbott 5-67, J Tomlinson 4-68) and 322 by eight wickets.

**20 Derbyshire (CC) .....Derby**
Hampshire 328 (W Smith 70, J Gatting 67) and 236-3 (J Adams 84, J Vince 50no, M Carberry 47) drew with Derbyshire 399 (K Abbott 4-84).

**27 Surrey (CC) .....Ageas Bowl**
Hampshire 400-6 (J Vince 156, J Adams 65) drew with Surrey 99-2.

**May**

**5 Cardiff MCCU (Uni) .....Ageas Bowl**
Hampshire 383-8 dec (L McManus 108) and 212-3 dec (L McManus 106*) drew with Cardiff 173 all out and 165-4.

**11 Glamorgan (CC) .....Ageas Bowl**
Glamorgan 234 (S Ervine 3-36, M Coles 3-39, K Abbott 3-66) & 187 (J Tomlinson 3-40, K Abbott 3-43) lost to Hampshire 345 (M Carberry 66, L Dawson 64, J Vince 61) & 68-4 by 6 wickets.

**16 Glamorgan (t20) .....Ageas Bowl**
Glamorgan 161-7 (Briggs 3-23) beat Hampshire 151-6 by 10 runs.

**18 Leicestershire (CC) .....Leicester**
Hampshire 332-10 (Vince 70, Wheater 57, Adams 40, Ervine 40, Abbott 40) & 338-9 dec (Smith 46, Gatting 44, Vince 56, Wheater 46, Coles 83) beat Leicestershire 296-10 (Abbott 4-55, Tomlinson 4-49) & 96-10 (Briggs 4-13, Coles 3-24) by 278 runs.

**23 Sussex (t20) .....Hove**
Hampshire 177-5 (Vince 52) beat Sussex 159-5 by 18 runs.

**25 Middlesex (t20) .....Northwood**
Hampshire 198-2 (Vince 68, Shah 49) beat Middlesex 151-9 (Briggs 3-20) by 47 runs.

**30 Essex (t20) .....Ageas Bowl**
Essex 145-5 lost to Hampshire 146-2 (J Vince 57no, O Shah 50no) by eight wickets.

**June**

**1 Derbyshire (CC) .....Ageas Bowl**
Hampshire 388 (A Wheater 87, W Smith 82, J Adams 60, M Bates 50) & 214-5 dec (J Adams 67) drew with Derbyshire 257 (D Briggs 5-50, K Abbott 3-48) & 107-8 (J Tomlinson 3-16).

**5 Kent (t20) .....Ageas Bowl**
Hampshire 171-7 (M Carberry 73, J Adams 47) bt Kent 144-4 (D Briggs 3-28) by 27 runs.

**8 Worcestershire (CC) .....New Road**
Worcestershire 402-9 dec (D Balcombe 3-53) drew with Hampshire 219 (W Smith 67, J Vince 48) and 321-5 (M Carberry 125, G Maxwell 85).

**13 Somerset (t20) .....Taunton**
**15 Essex (CC) .....Ageas Bowl**
**20 Gloucs (t20) .....Ageas Bowl**
**25 Glamorgan (t20) .....Cardiff**
**27 Surrey (t20) .....Oval**
**28 Surrey (CC) .....Oval**

**July**

**4 Kent (t20) .....Canterbury**
**6 Somerset (t20) .....Ageas Bowl**
**7 Gloucs (CC) .....Ageas Bowl**
**11 Middlesex (t20) .....Ageas Bowl**
**13 Essex (CC) .....Colchester**
**18 Sussex (t20) .....Ageas Bowl**
**22 Essex (t20) .....Chelmsford**
**26 Derbyshire (RLC) .....Derby**
**27 Lancashire (RLC) .....Old Trafford**
**31 Gloucs (RLC) .....Bristol**

**August**

**6 Leicestershire (RLC) .....Ageas Bowl**
**8 Northants (RLC) .....Ageas Bowl**
**11 Worcs (RLC) .....Ageas Bowl**
**13 Essex (RLC) .....Chelmsford**
**14 Sri Lanka A (Tour) .....Ageas Bowl**
**15 Kent (CC) .....Canterbury**
**21 Yorkshire (RLC) .....Ageas Bowl**
**31 Leicestershire (CC) .....Ageas Bowl**

**September**

**15 Kent (CC) .....Ageas Bowl**
**23 Glamorgan (CC) .....Cardiff**
**Key:** CC = county championship. t20 = NatWest t20 Blast. RLC = Royal London Cup (50 overs).

**SPLIT:** Relations between Southampton businessman Mark Winter, left, and Otail Touzar have turned sour.

# WHITES FACING A SECOND EXPULSION

**SALISBURY City FC are facing expulsion from the Conference Premier for the second time in five years.**

The Conference board has decided to relegate the Wiltshire club, despite the Whites meeting certain financial demands placed on them.

A club statement said: "On Friday £75,000 was transferred into the club solicitors client account to meet unpaid debts.

"The Conference board have also been given assurances that in the next seven days, the funds to meet all outstanding club debts will be paid.

"However, because of a legal issue in relationship to ownership of the club, the Conference board have decided to throw Salisbury City FC out of the league on Tuesday.

"It staggers belief that this is a Conference board who were quite happy, along with the FA, to endorse the appointment of Otail Touzar but following forensic investigation by the club to expose him as a fraudster, are now using him as an excuse to throw Salisbury City FC out of the league.

"Following legal advice, Salisbury City FC will now consider taking an injunction out on the Conference or taking the case to an FA independent appeal board.

"It is disappointing that the Conference have failed to give the club a seven-day extension to clear up their financial irregularities.

"As a result of their imminent action, it leaves Salisbury City FC with no choice but to take legal steps to safeguard their future."

Salisbury were relegated two divisions in the summer of 2010 after being demoted from the Conference for administration-related reasons.

Under Darrell Clarke, they subsequently fought their way back into non league football's top tier by winning promotion from the Southern League Premier in 2011 and the Conference South in 2013.

The club were recently taken over by Southampton businessman Mark Winter and Otail Touzar, but the latter has now been banned by the club.

The initial deadline to pay players' wages was on Thursday at 5pm, but a request for an extension was granted by the Conference board.

Whites released a statement also indicating that Touzar, the businessmen Winter bought the club with last month, had been banned and that they were taking legal action to overturn his ownership.

The statement posted on City's website on Thursday evening said: "A 5pm deadline set by the Conference tonight to address some financial issues relating to Salisbury City has passed without any action being taken against the club for the time being.

"Salisbury City have asked for an extension from the league and presented them with evidence to support their claim.

"Furthermore, the club today have, upon legal advice, taken steps to remove the current owner Otail Touzar after information surfaced questioning the legitimacy of his takeover of the club.

"Following consultation with legal experts, Mr Touzar has been banned from the club and will be served with legal papers in the forthcoming days to overturn his ownership."

Whites' predicament has sickened Winter who admits to feeling "embarrassed" and "ashamed" after buying the financially stricken club with Moroccan businessman Touzar.

As of Thursday, two per cent shareholder Winter had already plunged about £75,000 into City while his business partner Touzar, 31, had yet to invest.

But Winter, who has supported the Whites for six years, said he didn't want anyone to help save the club until Touzar, who is chairman, signs over his shares.

The crisis followed an incorrect announcement by Touzar earlier this week that he'd signed a Saudi Arabian prince, Khalid Bin Bader Alsaud, to play for the Whites.

Shortly afterwards, a club insider told *The Pink's* sister paper *The Salisbury Journal* this wasn't true and no contract had been signed.

Winter, managing director of Southampton-based company Aqua Pacific, told supporters on Wednesday: "He (Touzar) has lost the fans and players. They have been asking who this idiot is. The players don't want to work for him and neither does the manager (Mikey Harris).

"I've asked Otail to sign over his shares to me so others can invest, but he won't at the moment. Therefore, I won't allow anyone to invest while he's got control.

"I feel like the biggest idiot in the city. It has cost me £75,000 to learn a lesson.

"I never intended anything bad to happen to the club. But, as people keep telling me, he was the only man available to help at the time.

"I've taken money from my mortgage to help save the club.

"I feel embarrassed and ashamed about how this has panned out."

COLDEN Common Rovers under-13s have followed up their Southampton Tyro League title success by winning an international tournament in the Netherlands.

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The first day comprised of four matches, each of 20 minutes duration against continental opposition.

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The second day of competition saw Rovers in a group of six, all of whom had either topped or finished second in their respective groups the previous day.

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# SHIRLEY POOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Bumper turnout for gala

THE new Mayor of Southampton joined a crowd of over 300 spectators in cheering on 175 young swimmers in the annual Shirley Swimming Pool Club Championships.

Councillor Sue Blatchford was just a few days into her new reign when she gave up her Saturday evening to hand out medals to swimmers as young as five.

The loudest cheers of the night were deservedly for the youngest swimmers who showed their skills, racing lengths of The Quays.

Tiny Megan Thorpe was the stand out swimmer in the five-year old age group, finishing first in the front crawl, breaststroke and butterfly events with three new record times.

Ethan Pearce-Williams (5) won the backstroke.

The evening had started with an exhibition swim by top Southampton Dolphins swimmers from the pool.

Swimmers aged between 9 and 14 years old competed in a "Skins" sprint race, demonstrating their skills in backstroke, front crawl, breaststroke and butterfly.

The slowest swimmer after each length is eliminated until finally only two remain, and the winner of the last race is crowned the champion.

Age was no barrier to 11-year-old Isabella Fraser-Corbridge, who beat off stiff competition from the older swimmers to win, finishing with an impressive butterfly display.

The younger novices continued to show their potential.

Livia Day (6) came away with a clutch of medals, taking gold in the backstroke and front crawl, and silver in the breaststroke and butterfly.

Beth Broad topped the podium in breaststroke and Emily Neil took first for the butterfly, with Lucy Jones and Eva Ferguson sharing the honours between them.

Beau Versey and William Maughan (6) shared the golds in the six-year-old boys, with Beau winning both backstroke and front crawl, and William the breaststroke and butterfly.

Adam Sadlem and showman Luke Sweetnam were rewarded with silver and bronze medals.

Rhyseren Taylor (7) won all four of her events in impressive style, achieving a new club record for the 25m front crawl in just 20.79 seconds from a push off start.

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**GOLD STANDARD:** Some of the many competitors hold their medals at Shirley Pool Swimming Annual Swimming Championship at the Quays.
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**RACE TIME:** Action in one of the breaststroke races at the Shirley Pool Annual Swimming Championship.
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# SHIRLEY POOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

*From facing page*

Macey Carstairs was second and Isla Baxter third.

In the seven years boys, the medal winners were evenly distributed, with Nathan Lewis securing double gold in the backstroke and butterfly, Lucas Curtis topping the backstroke and Alex Butson blitzing the breaststroke.

Silvers were won by Michael Mroczek and Harry Razor.

Ellena Lewis (8) came away with three gold medals in the backstroke, front crawl and butterfly, while Maddison Clark took gold in the breaststroke.

Never far behind them were Melanie Stewart Jones, who came second in backstroke, frontcrawl and breaststroke, and Natasha Fraser-Corbridge, who finished just a fraction of a second behind Ellena to take silver in the butterfly.

Sophie Hawkes had a clean sweep in the 9-year-old girls' category, winning gold in all four races, with a particularly strong display in the front crawl.

The real race was for silver, with Naeve Poutney snatching second in breaststroke, Naomi Eldridge taking the butterfly, Jasmine Spradbery the front crawl and Karensa Pickering finishing strongly for backstroke.

In the most competitive age group, with three heats of swimmers, Anne de la Cruz (10) was the only girl to get ahead of regional qualifier Kate Baxter, who swept to victory with impressive displays in backstroke, front crawl and butterfly.

Anne won an unexpected but deserved breaststroke gold by a fingertip, just a fraction of a second ahead of Kate, with Ella Carstairs taking bronze in all races.

Winner of the skins eliminator, Isabella Fraser-Corbridge also dominated the 11-year-old girls' age group, setting three new club records in the backstroke, front crawl and butterfly.

Isabella was particularly impressive in the butterfly, swimming the fastest time of the evening in 16.98sec.

Neve Day and Nathalia Clark competed well, with Neve coming second in the backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly, and Nathalia taking silver in the front crawl.

Robbie Millard managed to crash the party with a bronze in the breaststroke.

Jack Sluman (8) achieved four top podium positions, with Freddie Sadler, Ethan Grundy, Zakhos Lekkas and Cameron Overton jostling for second and third places.

Hampshire Champion Oliver Cook dominated in the 9-year old boys, securing four golds, with twin brother Callum, Isaac Maddock and Harvey Maughan scrapping it out behind him.

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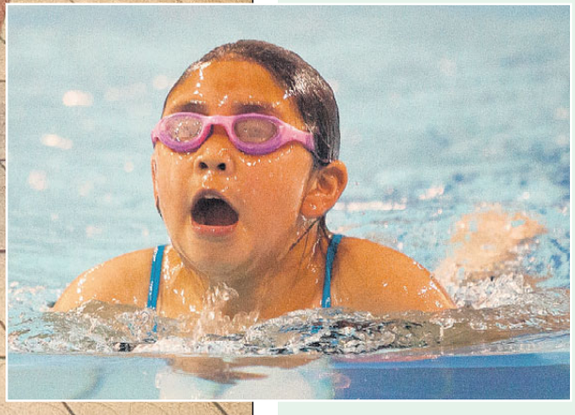

**RACE TIME:** Action in one of the breaststroke races at the Shirley Pool Annual Swimming Championship.
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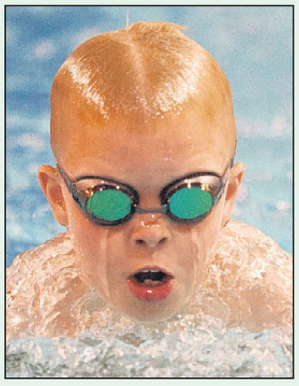
# SHIRLEY POOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS



**RACE TIME:** Action from the Shirley Pool Annual Swimming Championship.
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The breaststroke brought the most exciting finish, with Isaac and Harvey having to settle for joint second with an identical time of 25.69, less than half a second behind Ollie.

Archie Garland and Evan Harris raced ferociously in the ten year old age group, with Archie touching first in backstroke and creaststroke, whilst Evan won gold in frontcrawl and butterfly.

Ben Butson put in a consistent performance, winning bronze in all events.

Daniel Alavi (11) had to settle for second place behind Ben Sluman, who put on a powerful display to win all four of his races, and set a new club record in the backstroke of 17.71. Charlie Page displayed great improvement to secure the bronze.

Lilly Rapley was top girl for the twelve year olds, coming away with a clean sweep of 4 gold medals, and Aidan Moss achieved the same for the 12-year old boys.

In the 13-year-old age group of Ella Anderson, Tyler Ellis and Jodie Yates shared the gold medals between them, with Ella taking gold for back and breaststroke, Tyler for front crawl and Jodie for butterfly.

Ruella Garland, Caroline Millard and Billy Bye impressed in the older age groups, with skins runner up Billy achieving the fastest front crawl of the night in 14.88 seconds.

The Shirley Swimming Pool, celebrating its 40th birthday, finished the evening with balloons, sweets and mementos presented by one of the original owners of the pool, Mrs Val Perry.

The winners' presentation day will take place at The View, Southampton Sports Centre, on Saturday July 12th at 5pm.

**Other medal winners:** Anna Prince, Barnaby Pape, Callum Aitken, Daisy Gray, Emily Neil, Emma Aitken, Ethan Pearce-Williams, George Halfacre, George Heyes, Hannah Cowap, Jaime Moroney, Jessica Ward, Kaira Feyerbend-Powell, Kiara Santos, Kieran Harrison, Leo Stewart-Jones, Lucas Curtis, Luke Butson, Maggie Jones, Mats Fangor, Mia Anderson, Michail Zakajeves, Mila Hunt-Rakic, Peter Stewart, Robbie Millard, Rosie Porter, Sam Cole, Sophie Christopher, Thomas Callum, Violet Christopher, Zoey Yates, Emma Cross, Abigail Cross, Alex Butson, Alex Williams, Amy Sweetnam, Amy Williams, Andras Both, Bevan Woolley, Cameron Overton, Chloe Hillman, Dionisio Cardoso, Emma Harrison, Ethan Grundy, Eva Mayer, Freddie McHugh, Freddie Sadler, Gibril Jatta, Harry Rasor, Isaac Maddock, Jessica Escalona, Joby Matthews, Jonathon Cross, Kai Lanham, Lars Feyerbend-Powell, Lucy Jones, Maeve Blandford, Marley Harris, Martyna Koczaja, Olivia Smallbone, Olivia Tilley, Pippa Heyes, Rebecca Mitchell, Reese Endean, Roya Versey, Sam Martin, Sophie Blaydes, Tara Alavi, Verity Telford, Werner Desouza, Zakhos Lekkas,

**ALL SMILES: The 11-year-old girls at the Shirley Swimming Pool Annual Swimming Championship at the Quays.**
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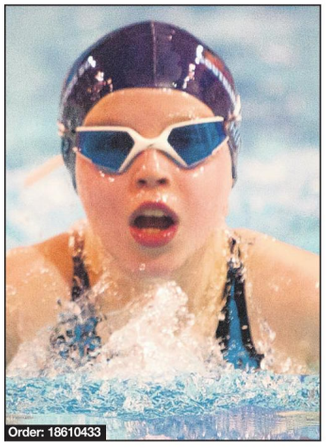

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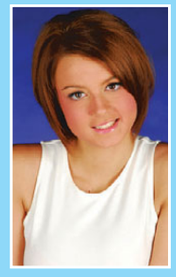

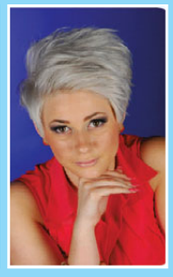

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**ALL SMILES:** Bitterne Manor Primary School at the Southampton Primary Schools Championships.

# FUTURE STARS

**HANDS UP:** Shirley Warren Primary School get in the spirit.

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**RIGHT:** The victorious Townhill Junior School boys squad.

**LEFT:** Florence Goldsmith of Townhill Junior School, dips at the finish of her 4x100m relay heat.

Daily Echo pics by Chris Moorhouse.

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# Southampton Primary School Track & Field Championships

FLAT OUT: The 4x100m relay heats. Order: 18621576

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ARM IN ARM: Springhill Primary School pose for the camera. Order: 18622384

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**SOUTHAMPTON'S athletics stars of the future were out in force at Southampton Sports Centre on Tuesday night for the city's Primary Schools Athletics Championships.**

The event saw 14 schools from across the city take part with athletes from school years 3-6 competing to become city champions.

The standard was very high, with some fantastic performances in a full range of track and field events.

Charlie Glasspool (St Patrick's) broke the city record with a throw of 50.65metres and Callum Gregson (Bitterne Manor) set a new city high jump mark of 1.40metres.

The team events saw a dominant performance from the talented athletes at Townhill Junior School, who ended up with a clean sweep of the city trophies following victories in the girls, boys and overall categories to repeat the remarkable trophy treble they pulled off in 2012.

Amazingly, it is the third year in a row that Townhill have won the overall title.

In the boys event Townhill narrowly edged out Oakwood into second place and Fairisle in third.

The girls event saw Townhill lead home Fairisle in second with Springhill in third.

Overall, Townhill led Fairisle in second and Oakwood in third.

An event organiser said: "It was an enjoyable day for all the schools taking part and the event even managed to defy the British summertime rain to provide a full day of entertaining athletics in the sunshine.

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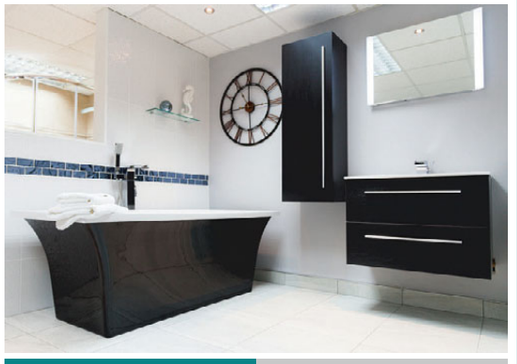

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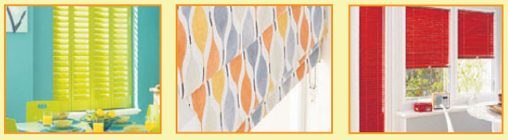

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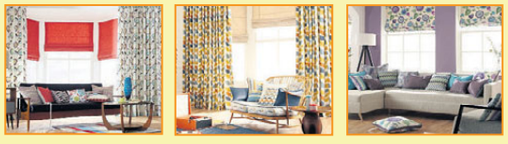

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## Manor eye another t20 Cup upset

**LANGLEY Manor look to continue last season's Southern Electric t20 Cup giant killing exploits by sending visitors Bournemouth to a first round defeat at Knellers Lane tomorrow, 3pm.**

**The Manor enjoyed two significant moments of glory last season, initially knocking out Basingstoke & North Hants courtesy of a Steve Harris century and accounting for fancied Premier Division outfit Alton before bowing out to Burridge in the quarter-finals.**

**Langley Manor feature among six remaining first round ties tomorrow and look to be in the hat for the draw which is being made live on BBC Radio Solent on Monday lunchtime at 12.30pm.**

**A mile or so down the A36, Paultons host Portsmouth, while one Premier Division side will bow out when St Cross Symondians take on Alton at the Green Jackets Ground.**

**Hook & Newnham Basics will aim to revive old cup glory when the Hook Army go to Havant, where Sarisbury Athletic caused an upset last summer.**

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**Bashley (Rydal), who beat Havant in an epic Ages Bowl floodlight final two years ago, face a potentially tricky tie at Waterlooville, while in the other match Tichborne Park host Liphook & Ripsley.**

**Andover, Basingstoke & North Hants, the Hampshire Academy, Hartley Wintney, Lymington, OTs & Romsey, Sarisbury Athletic and Ventnor are so far through to the second round, when 2013 cup winners and Burridge enter the competition.**

**First round results –**

**Andover 155-6 (Haycock 75, Taylor 36, Turriff-Smith 3-23) Fawley 118-7 (Earl 34, Taylor 2-18, Treagus 2-30). Andover won by 37 runs.**

**Fair Oak 179-8 (Stewart 57, Bullough 33, Abbass 26, Pistorius 2-14, Coombs 2-25) Basingstoke & North Hants 181-6 (Niblett 48, Bucksey 41*, Coombs 40). Basingstoke & North Hants won by four wickets.**

**Hampshire Academy 150-6 (Goodwin 75) Portsmouth & Southsea 83-8 (Evans 3-15, Taylor 2-14). Hampshire Academy won by 67 runs.**

**Hartley Wintney 164-7 (Karvlias 65, Kerr 31, Watts 2-31, Elliott 2-32) New Milton 127 (N Park 43, R Beck 33, J Cockram 4-18, T Flanders 3-29). Hartley Wintney won by 37 runs.**

**Lymington 165-5 (Scott 42*, Rogers 34, Cowley 32, Ellis 22, Taylor 2-33) Totton & Eling 112-9 (Holloway 34*, Freeman 3-19, Mortimer 2-12, Cowley 2-15). Lymington won by 35 runs.**

**OTs & Romsey 148-5 (R Newman 37, King 32) Trojans 54 (R Newman 5-6). OTs & Romsey won by 94 runs.**

**Sarisbury Athletic 169-3 (Rawlins 62, Banks 31, Hammond 28) Calmore Sports 123-6 (Lavelle 24, Geyle 3-23). Sarisbury Athletic won by 46 runs.**

**Sparsholt 114-8 (Sankey 46, Friend 3-32) Ventnor 115-1 (Eysele 62*, Friend 34). Ventnor won by nine wickets.**

**RECOVERY:** Sarisbury Athletic, pictured left, lost their opening Division 1 match of the season to Basingstoke & North Hants, but are now on the road to recovery after winning their last three games and progressing to the second round stage of the Southern Electric t20 Cup.

They are, back (from left): Dan Clouting, Kieran Geyle, James Ingram, Dan Goldstraw, Matt Journeux, Philip Jewell. Front: Jonathan Norris, Ricky Rawlins, David Banks, Mark Miller, Pete Hammond.

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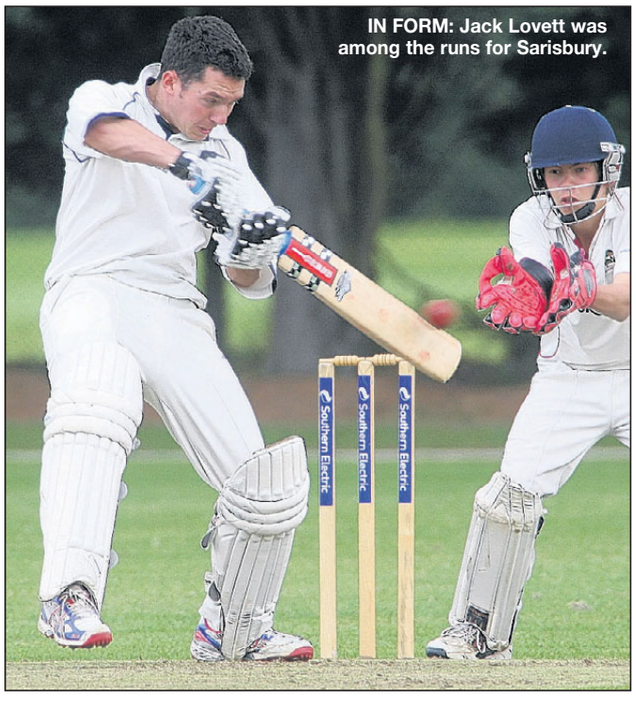

IN FORM: Jack Lovett was among the runs for Sarisbury.

**SHREWTON are the unexpected early season County Division 1 pacemakers, taking a three-match winning start into today's visit to Hook & Newnham Basics.**

The Wiltshire villagers, whose base is a few miles down the road from Stonehenge, have so far clocked up 64 points by beating Lymington and Bournemouth seconds, and St Cross Symondians III, *writes MIKE VIMPANY*.

Shrewton's visit to the Green Jackets Ground was reduced to 35 overs per side, St Cross being restricted to just 111, Stu Cruse picking up 4-24.

Shrewton looked set for a bumper points haul at 90-0 for no loss before losing the wickets of openers Will Sleeman (48) and Rich Barnett (36) in quick succession.

Despite losing their middle order cheaply, the Shrews knocked off the remaining runs with four wickets in hand.

Portchester and Ropley, the other sides to go into today's sixth round of matches with unbeaten records still intact, were washed out for a third time in five weeks.

Gosport Borough won their opening two games, but were beaten by one wicket off the final ball of a cross Harbour thriller against United Services at Burnaby Rad.

Gosport, in trouble at 99-5 after a mean spell by Fraser Quirke (3-24), thumped 127 runs off the last 14 overs of their innings to post 226-6, with Charlie Pennicott (56), Greg Kitchen (43) and Tom Larner (40) putting bat to ball.

US responded with a 156-run opening partnership between Mark Toogood (87) and Tom May (76), but collapsed against Craig Stares (5-25) before inching home off the last ball.

Locks Heath were in an almost identical position chasing down Fareham & Crofton's 205 all out at Warsash Road.

Scott Jones, with two sixes and 15 boundaries in an unbeaten 118, and Jack Paskins (39) were in total charge and with Locks Heath at 151-1 there appeared only one outcome.

But an astonishing collapse, which saw Locks Heath lose nine wickets for 45 runs, turned the game on its head and gave Fareham a totally unexpected nine-run victory.

Locks Heath folded like the proverbial pack of cards, with Reg Emery (4-25) and teenager Luke Cornish (3-27) sending the wickets tumbling.

Locks Heath were eventually 196

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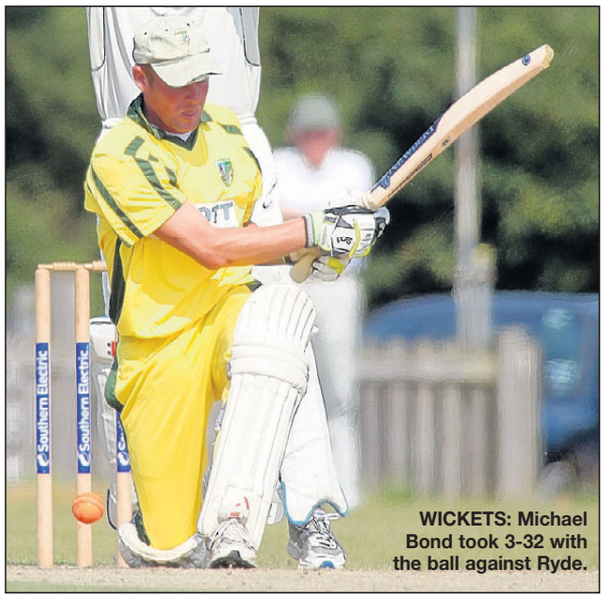
# Local Cricket Spotlight

**LOCKS HEATH:** Back (from left): James Rolfe, Rob Stead, Jack Levy, Dan O'Neil, Dave Lemon. Front: Scott Jones, Liam Moggeridge, Jack Paskins, James Hughes, Alex Richardson, Anthony Lovell.

# THE SHREWS



**WICKETS: Michael Bond took 3-32 with the ball against Ryde.**

all out with a bemused Jones still there at the end, 118 not out.

Earlier, left-hand teens Tom Kent (37) and Cam Saul (37) gave Fareham a decent platform, but the visitors lost five cheap wickets before an unbeaten half-century by Luke Gould (57) lifted the total to 205 (Jack Levy 3-30).

Winners at Bath Lane a week earlier, Ryde successfully chased down Sarisbury Athletic's 211 to win by three wickets on the first game of the season to be played at Hardings Shute.

Jack Lovett (66) and Tre Manders (34) eased Sarisbury to 211 all out (Rob Graham 4-50) – a total Ryde passed after Australian Jarrad Hoskin (57) had made his first meaningful knock for the Island club.

Michael Bond took 3-32 for Sarisbury, but was unable to prevent a Ryde victory.

New Milton's newly promoted second team crashed to 59 all out and a catastrophic 176-run defeat against arch rivals Lymington II at the Sports Ground.

Already confident after a sparkling unbeaten Damien Edwards century and defending a handy 235-6, Lymington's opening bowlers Martin Gregory (4-33) and Paul McCann (3-18) reduced New Milton to 20-7 by the end of the 14th over.

"McCann bowled seriously quickly and swung the ball prodigiously, having six slips at one stage," chuckled Lymington skipper Oli Kelly.

"Martin bowled with great rhythm, swinging the ball both ways in a new ball spell of supreme quality."

New Milton did at least double the score but the margin of defeat will be of major concern to Steve Watts, who led New Milton to the County 2 title last year.

Reflecting on Edwards' treble, Edwards said: "Damien's century was of the highest quality. He didn't offer a chance and was ably supported by Luke Marshal, who thumped 59 off 45 balls."

Purbrook, who didn't manage to play a game in May, were predictably lacking in any form of practice when they went to Bournemouth.

Their worst scenario came true when Jonny Coombs won the toss and sent Purbrook in on a bowler friendly surface.

Purbrook managed 105 – of which skipper Martin Lee (55) scored over half !

No one else got double figures as Pratik Choudhary (3-24), Khattick (2-21) and Coombs himself, with a highly effective 2-12 new ball spell, ran amok.

Alex Kennedy (37) and Todd Stephens, with an unbeaten 42, secured an eight-wicket win, Bournemouth's first in three attempts.

## No ordinary Joe

**HAMPSHIRE Academy skipper Joe Weatherley is pictured above after being named Southern Electric Premier League Cricketer of the Month for rain soaked May.**

**The King Edward VI talent, who was vice-captain of England Under-17s in Sri Lanka at Easter, scored his maiden SPL hundred against Lymington last month to finish leading Premier Division run scorer.**

**The Division 1 award went to Sarisbury Athletic skipper David Banks, with Rowledge all-rounder Chris Board – son of former Deanery stalwart Nick Board – picking up the SPL2 prize.**

**Alton IIs captain Mark Heffernan took the Division 3 award.**

## Out on the Lash

**ANDOVER have a date with the Lashings World All Stars at London Road two weeks tomorrow, on Sunday, June 29 at 3pm.**

**Lashings have some of the biggest names in world cricket in their squad with every player having played international cricket.**

**The T20 match is supporting the Naomi House Caterpillar Appeal and both sides will be fighting it out for the first ever Naomi House Cup.**

**With names like Herschelle Gibbs and Courtney Walsh in the Lashings ranks, Andover will have their work cut out.**

**Entrance is £5 for over 16s, free for U16s and tickets can be purchased on the gate.**

## Lord's pair meet

**PREMIER League pair Hambledon and Rowledge will each have something in common to talk about when they play their away ties in the opening national phase of the Davidstow Village Cup on Sunday week – they, like their fifth round opponents, have trodden the path to Lord's in the past!**

**Hambledon's visit to Lord's and a meet-up with Cheshire side Toft some years back was thwarted by rain and hastily rearranged at the Midland Bank Ground in Beckenham.**

**Comfortable county final winners against Sparsholt last week – Joe Collings Wells cracked a superb 118 – Hambledon go to Gloucestershire, who were runners-up in last year's final.**

**Rowledge go to Dinton – whom several local sides have tangled with over the years – while Dorset & Wiltshire champions Parley, fresh from a 19-run triumph over one-time winners Goatacre last weekend, entertain Oxfordshire's Great & Little Thew, a tie they should win.**

**The ties will be played on Sunday week, June 22.**

## Parish host Park

**LONGPARISH have been drawn at home to Hursley Park in the quarter-finals of the Winchester & District CA Tichborne Trophy on Monday, June 23.**

**In the other ties, Rotherfield Park host Tichborne Park, IBM Hursley play Ropley, and Sparsholt receive Compton & Chandler's Ford.**

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If the Jackpot is not won after 45 weeks, when standing at £50,000, three nearest miss prizes will be awarded totalling £24,000 – with a first prize of £12,000, a second prize of £8,000 and a third prize of £4,000.

The jackpot for the following week will be £26,000 with £1,000 being added each week. The nearest miss prize will be £2,000 with £50 added each week until the jackpot prize reaches £50,000.

If there is still no entry showing the exact centre of the ball, the process is repeated until there is an exact centre of the ball winner.

If there is more than one winner the jackpot will be shared and, similarly, if there is more than one runner-up the nearest miss prize will also be shared.

## RESULTS

**CLOSING DATE FOR POSTAL ENTRIES**
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